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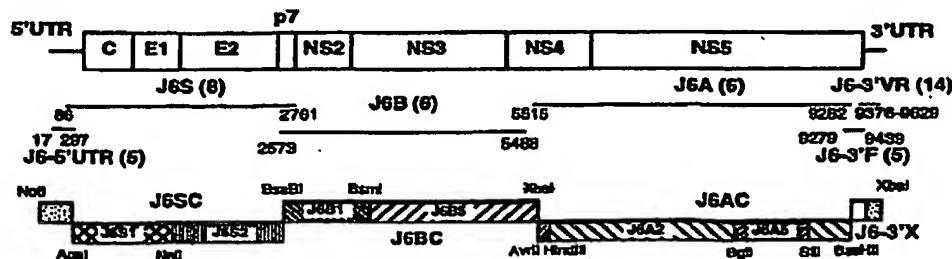
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(54) Title: CLONED GENOME OF INFECTIOUS HEPATITIS C VIRUS OF GENOTYPE 2a AND USES THEREOF

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**(57) Abstract:** The present invention discloses nucleic acid sequence which encodes infectious hepatitis C virus of strain HC-J6Ch, genotype 2a, and the use of the sequence, and polypeptides encoded by all or part of the sequence, in the development of vaccines and diagnostics for HCV and in the development of screening assays for the identification of antiviral agents for HCV.

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Title Of Invention

Cloned Genome Of Infectious  
Hepatitis C Virus of Genotype 2a And Uses Thereof

Field Of Invention

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The present invention relates to molecular approaches to the production of nucleic acid sequence which comprises the genome of infectious hepatitis C virus. In particular, the invention provides a nucleic acid sequence which comprises the genome of an infectious hepatitis C virus of genotype 2a. The invention therefore relates to the use of the nucleic acid sequence and polypeptides encoded by all or part of the sequence in the development of vaccines and diagnostic assays for HCV and in the development of screening assays for the identification of antiviral agents for HCV.

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Background Of Invention

Hepatitis C virus (HCV) has a positive-sense single-strand RNA genome and is a member of the genus *Hepacivirus* within the *Flaviviridae* family of viruses (Rice, 1996). As for all positive-stranded RNA viruses, the genome of HCV functions as mRNA from which all viral proteins necessary for propagation are translated.

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The viral genome of HCV is approximately 9600 nucleotides (nts) in length and consists of a highly conserved 5' untranslated region (UTR), a single long open reading frame (ORF) of approximately 9,000 nts and a complex 3' UTR. The 5' UTR contains an internal ribosomal entry site (Tsukiyama-Kohara et al., 1992;

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• Honda et al., 1996). The 3' UTR consists of a short variable region, a polypyrimidine tract of variable length and, at the 3' end, a highly conserved region of approximately 100 nucleotides (Kolykhalov et al., 1996; 5 Tanaka et al., 1995; Tanaka et al., 1996; Yamada et al., 1996). The last 46 nucleotides of this conserved region were predicted to form a stable stem-loop structure thought to be critical for viral replication (Blight and 10 Rice, 1997; Ito and Lai, 1997; Tsuchihara et al., 1997). The ORF encodes a large polypeptide precursor that is cleaved into at least 10 proteins by host and viral 15 proteinases (Rice, 1996). The predicted envelope proteins contain several conserved N-linked glycosylation sites and cysteine residues (Okamoto et al., 1992a). The NS3 gene encodes a serine protease and an RNA helicase and the NS5B gene encodes an RNA-dependent RNA polymerase.

20 A remarkable characteristic of HCV is its genetic heterogeneity, which is manifested throughout the genome (Bukh et al., 1995). The most heterogeneous regions of the genome are found in the envelope genes, in particular the hypervariable region 1 (HVR1) at the 25 N-terminus of E2 (Hijikata et al., 1991; Weiner et al., 1991). HCV circulates as a quasispecies of closely related genomes in an infected individual. Globally, six major HCV genotypes (genotypes 1-6) and multiple 30 subtypes (a, b, c, etc.) have been identified (Bukh et al., 1993; Simmonds et al., 1993).

35 The nucleotide and deduced amino acid sequences among isolates within a quasispecies generally differ by < 2%, whereas those between isolates of different genotypes vary by as much as 35%. Genotypes

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1, 2 and 3 are found worldwide and constitute more than 90% of the HCV infections in North and South America, Europe, Russia, China, Japan and Australia (Forns and Bukh, 1998). Throughout these regions genotype 1 accounts for the majority of HCV infections but genotypes 2 and 3 each account for 5-15%.

5 At present, more than 80% of individuals infected with HCV become chronically infected and these chronically infected individuals have a relatively high 10 risk of developing chronic hepatitis, liver cirrhosis and hepatocellular carcinoma (Hoofnagle, 1997). The 15 only effective therapy for chronic hepatitis C, interferon (IFN), alone or in combination with ribavirin, induces a sustained response in less than 50% of treated patients (Davis et al., 1998; McHutchinson et al., 1998). Consequently, HCV is currently the most 20 common cause of end stage liver failure and the reason for about 30% of liver transplants performed in the U.S. (Hoofnagle, 1997). In addition, a number of recent 25 studies suggested that the severity of liver disease and the outcome of therapy may be genotype-dependent (reviewed in Bukh et al., 1997). In particular, these studies suggested that infection with HCV genotype 1b 30 was associated with more severe liver disease (Brechot, 1997) and a poorer response to IFN therapy (Fried and Hoofnagle, 1995). As a result of the inability to develop a universally effective therapy against HCV 35 infection, it is estimated that there are still more than 25,000 new infections yearly in the U.S. (Alter 1997) Moreover, since there is no vaccine for HCV, HCV remains a serious public health problem.

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5 Despite the intense interest in the development of vaccines and therapies for HCV, progress has been hindered by the absence of a useful cell culture system and the lack of any small animal model for laboratory study. For example, while replication of HCV in several cell lines has been reported, such observations have turned out not to be highly reproducible. In addition, the chimpanzee is the only animal model, other than man, for this disease.

10 Consequently, HCV has been studied only by using clinical materials obtained from patients or experimentally infected chimpanzees, an animal model whose availability is very limited.

15 However, several researchers have recently reported the construction of infectious cDNA clones of HCV, the identification of which would permit a more effective search for susceptible cell lines and facilitate molecular analysis of the viral genes and their function. For example, Yoo et al., and Dash et al., (1997) (1995) reported that RNA transcripts from cDNA clones of HCV-1 (genotype 1a) and HCV-N (genotype 1b), respectively, resulted in viral replication after 20 transfection into human hepatoma cell lines. Unfortunately, the viability of these clones was not tested in vivo and concerns were raised about the infectivity of these cDNA clones in vitro (Fausto, 1997). In addition, both clones did not contain the 25 terminal 98 conserved nucleotides at the very 3' end of the UTR.

30 Kolykhalov et al., (1997) and Yanagi et al. (1997, 1998) reported the derivation from HCV strains H77 (genotype 1a) and HC-J4 (genotype 1b) of cDNA clones

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of HCV that are infectious for chimpanzees. However, while these infectious clones will aid in studying HCV replication and pathogenesis and will provide an important tool for development of in vitro replication and propagation systems, it is important to have infectious clones of more than one genotype, given the extensive genetic heterogeneity of HCV and the potential impact of such heterogeneity on the development of effective therapies and vaccines for HCV.

In addition, synthetic chimeric viruses can be used to map the functional regions of viruses with different phenotypes. In flaviviruses and pestiviruses, infectious chimeric viruses have been successfully engineered to express different functional units of related viruses (Bray and Lai, 1991; Pletnev et al., 1992, 1998; Vassilev et al., 1997) and in some cases it has been possible to make chimeras between non-related or distantly related viruses. For instance, the IRES element of poliovirus or bovine viral diarrhoea virus has been replaced with IRES sequences from HCV (Frolov et al., 1998; Lu and Wimmer, 1996; Zhao et al., 1999). Recently, the construction of an infectious chimera of two closely related HCV subtypes has been reported. The chimera contained the complete ORF of a genotype 1b strain but had the 5' and 3' termini of a genotype 1a strain (Yanagi et al., 1998).

It is important to determine whether chimeras constructed from more divergent HCV strains are infectious because such chimeras could be used to define the functions of viral units and to dissect the immune response.

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Summary Of The Invention

The present invention relates to nucleic acid sequence which comprises the genome of infectious hepatitis C virus and in particular, nucleic acid 5 sequence which comprises the genome of infectious hepatitis C virus of genotype 2a. It is therefore an object of the invention to provide nucleic acid sequence which encodes infectious hepatitis C virus. Such 10 nucleic acid sequence is referred to throughout the application as "infectious nucleic acid sequence".

For the purposes of this application, nucleic acid sequence refers to RNA, DNA, cDNA or any variant thereof capable of directing host organism synthesis of 15 a hepatitis C virus polypeptide. It is understood that nucleic acid sequence encompasses nucleic acid sequences, which due to degeneracy, encode the same 20 polypeptide sequence as the nucleic acid sequences described herein.

The invention also relates to the use of the infectious nucleic acid sequences to produce chimeric genomes consisting of portions of the open reading frames of nucleic acid sequences of other genotypes 25 (including, but not limited to, genotypes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6) and subtypes (including, but not limited to, subtypes 1a, 1b, 2a, 2b, 2c, 3a, 4a-4f, 5a and 6a) of HCV. For example, infectious nucleic acid sequence of 30 the 2a strain HC-J6, described herein can be used to produce chimeras with sequences from the genomes of other strains of HCV from different genotypes or subtypes. Nucleic acid sequences which comprise 35 sequences from two or more HCV genotypes or subtypes are designated "chimeric nucleic acid sequences".

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• The invention further relates to mutations of the infectious nucleic acid sequence of the invention where mutation includes, but is not limited to, point mutations, deletions and insertions. In one embodiment, 5 a gene or fragment thereof can be deleted to determine the effect of the deleted gene or genes on the properties of the encoded virus such as its virulence and its ability to replicate. In an alternative embodiment, a mutation may be introduced into the 10 infectious nucleic acid sequences to examine the effect of the mutation on the properties of the virus.

The invention also relates to the introduction of mutations or deletions into the infectious nucleic acid sequence in order to produce an attenuated hepatitis C virus suitable for vaccine development. 15

The invention further relates to the use of the infectious nucleic acid sequence to produce attenuated viruses via passage in vitro or in vivo of 20 the viruses produced by transfection of a host cell with the infectious nucleic acid sequence.

The present invention also relates to the use of the nucleic acid sequence of the invention or fragments thereof in the production of polypeptides where "nucleic acid sequence of the invention" refers to 25 infectious nucleic acid sequence, mutations of infectious nucleic acid sequence, chimeric nucleic acid sequence and sequences which comprise the genome of 30 attenuated viruses produced from the infectious nucleic acid sequence of the invention. In one embodiment, said polypeptide or polypeptides are fully or partially purified from hepatitis C virus produced by cells 35 transfected with nucleic acid sequence of the invention.

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In another embodiment, the polypeptide or polypeptides are produced recombinantly from a fragment of the nucleic acid sequences of the invention. In yet another embodiment, the polypeptides are chemically synthesized.

5 The polypeptides of the invention, especially structural polypeptides, can serve as immunogens in the development of vaccines or as antigens in the development of diagnostic assays for detecting the presence of HCV in biological samples.

10 The invention therefore also relates to vaccines for use in immunizing mammals especially humans against hepatitis C. In one embodiment, the vaccine comprises one or more polypeptides made from the nucleic acid sequence of the invention or fragment thereof. In a second embodiment, the vaccine comprises a hepatitis C virus produced by transfection of host cells with the nucleic acid sequences of the invention.

15 The present invention therefore relates to methods for preventing hepatitis C in a mammal. In one embodiment the method comprises administering to a mammal a polypeptide or polypeptides encoded by the nucleic acid sequence of the invention in an amount effective to induce protective immunity to hepatitis C. In another embodiment, the method of prevention comprises administering to a mammal a hepatitis C virus of the invention in an amount effective to induce protective immunity against hepatitis C.

20 30 35 In yet another embodiment, the method of protection comprises administering to a mammal the nucleic acid sequence of the invention or a fragment thereof in an amount effective to induce protective immunity against hepatitis C.

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The invention also relates to hepatitis C viruses produced by host cells transfected with the nucleic acid sequence of the present invention.

5 The invention therefore also provides pharmaceutical compositions comprising the nucleic acid sequence of the invention and/or the encoded hepatitis C viruses. The invention further provides pharmaceutical compositions comprising polypeptides encoded by the nucleic acid sequence of the invention or fragments 10 thereof. The pharmaceutical compositions of the invention may be used prophylactically or therapeutically.

15 The invention also relates to antibodies to the hepatitis C virus of the invention or their encoded polypeptides and to pharmaceutical compositions comprising these antibodies.

20 The invention also relates to the use of the nucleic acid sequences of the invention to identify cell lines capable of supporting the replication of HCV in vitro.

25 The invention further relates to the use of the nucleic acid sequences of the invention or their encoded viral enzymes (e.g. NS3 serine protease, NS3 helicase, NS5B RNA polymerase) to develop screening assays to identify antiviral agents for HCV.

#### Brief Description Of Figures

30 Figure 1 shows the amplification and cloning of hepatitis C virus genotype 2a (strain HC-J6<sub>ch</sub>). The nucleotide positions correspond to the sequence of PJ6CF, a full length cDNA clone of hepatitis C virus, 35 genotype 2a, strain HC-J6<sub>ch</sub>. Products from polymerase

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chain reaction are also shown. The names of the clones obtained from these products are indicated (number of clones sequenced are shown in parenthesis). The composition of the full-length cDNA clone is shown at 5 the bottom. The restriction enzymes used for cloning are indicated. An *Xba*I site in HC-J6<sub>CH</sub> was eliminated by a silent substitution at position 5494.

Figure 2 shows tree analysis of clones amplified from an infectious acute phase plasma pool 10 generated in a chimpanzee inoculated with human plasma containing strain HC-J6 (Okamoto et al., 1991) as well as a tree of the predicted polyprotein sequence of HC-J6<sub>CH</sub> and the infectious HC-J6<sub>CH</sub> cDNA clone (pJ6CF). 15 The nucleotide positions with deletions or insertions were stripped in the analysis of the clones. Multiple sequence alignments and tree analyses were performed with GeneWorks (Oxford Molecular Group) (Bukh et al., 1995). Genotype designations are indicated. Other 20 sequences included in the analysis are HC-J8 (Okamoto et al., 1992), genotype 1a infectious clone BEBE1 (Nakao et al., 1996), H77C (Yanagi et al., 1997); genotype 1b infectious clone J4L6S (Yanagi et al., 1998). The scale 25 in each tree indicates the calculated genetic distance.

Figure 3 shows the alignment of the 30 hypervariable region 1 sequences from 8 J6S clones of strain HC-J6<sub>CH</sub>. HC-J6<sub>CH</sub> represents the consensus amino acid sequence of the infectious plasma pool from an experimentally infected chimpanzee. HC-J6 is the published amino acid sequence of the original inoculum (Okamoto et al., 1991).

Figure 4 shows the construction of four 35 intertypic chimeric cDNA clones. White boxes are

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sequences derived from genotype 2a clone pJ6CF, and black boxes are sequences derived from genotype 1a clone pCV-H77C (Yanagi et al., 1997). An *Nde*I site (mutation at position 9158 of pCV-H77C) was eliminated and an artificial *Nde*I site (mutation at position 2765 of pCV-H77C) was created by site-directed mutagenesis; silent mutations are underlined.

Figures 5A and 5B show the alignment of the nucleotide sequences of the 5' (Fig. 5A) and 3' UTRs (Fig. 5B) and the amino acid sequences of E2/p7/NS2 junctions (Fig. 5B) in the intertypic 1a, 2a chimeric cDNA clones. In the 5' UTR alignment, the first 39 nts of core believed to be important for the IRES function were included (Lemon and Honda, 1997). Top line: the sequence of the infectious genotype 1a clone pCV-H77C (Yanagi et al., 1997). Bottom line: the sequence of the infectious genotype 2a clone pJ6CF. Dot: identity with the sequence of H77C. Capital letter: different from the sequence of H77C. Dash: deletion. Bold face: initiation or stop codon of the ORF. Underlined: *Age*I cleavage site. Arrow: putative sites in the HCV polyprotein cleaved by host signal peptidases. Numbering corresponds to the sequence of pCV-H77C.

Figures 6A-6F show the nucleotide sequence of the infectious hepatitis C virus clone of genotype 1a strain H77C and Figures 6G-6H show the amino acid sequence encoded by the clone.

Figures 7A-7F show the nucleotide sequence of the infectious hepatitis C virus clone of genotype 1b strain HC-J4 and Figures 7G-H show the amino acid sequence encoded by the clone.

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DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The present invention relates to nucleic acid sequence which comprises the genome of an infectious hepatitis C virus. More specifically, the invention 5 relates to nucleic acid sequence which encodes infectious hepatitis C virus of strain HC-J6<sub>CH</sub>, genotype 2a. The infectious nucleic acid sequence of the invention is shown in SEQ ID NO:1 and is contained in a 10 plasmid construct deposited with the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC) on May 28, 1999 and having 15 ATCC accession number PTA-153.

The invention also relates to "chimeric nucleic acid sequences" where the chimeric nucleic acid 20 sequences consist of open-reading frame sequences and/or 5' and/or 3' untranslated sequences taken from nucleic acid sequences of hepatitis C viruses of different 25 genotypes or subtypes.

In one embodiment, the chimeric nucleic acid sequence consists of sequence from the genome of infectious HCV of genotype 2a which encodes structural 30 polypeptides and sequence from the genome of a HCV of a different genotype or subtype which encodes 35 nonstructural polypeptides.

Alternatively, the nonstructural region of infectious HCV of genotype 2a and structural region of a HCV of a different genotype or subtype may be combined. 30 This will result in a chimeric nucleic acid sequence consisting of sequence from the genome of infectious HCV of genotype 2a which encodes nonstructural polypeptides and sequence from the genome of a HCV of a another 35 genotype or subtype which encodes structural polypeptides.

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Preferably, the nucleic acid sequence from the genome of the infectious HCV clone of genotype 1a (deposited with the ATCC on June 2, 1999 ; Figures 6A-6F), or the nucleic acid sequence from the genome of the infectious HCV clone of genotype 1b (ATCC accession number 209596; Figures 7A-7F) is used to construct the chimeric nucleic acid sequence with the HCV of genotype 2a of the invention.

It is believed that the construction of such chimeric nucleic acid sequences will be of importance in studying the growth and virulence properties of hepatitis C virus and in the production of candidate hepatitis C virus vaccines suitable to confer protection against multiple genotypes of HCV. For example, one might produce a "multivalent" vaccine by putting epitopes from several genotypes or subtypes into one clone. Alternatively one might replace just a single gene from an infectious sequence with the corresponding gene from the genomic sequence of a strain from another genotype or subtype or create a chimeric gene which contains portions of a gene from two genotypes or subtypes. Examples of genes which could be replaced or which could be made chimeric, include, but are not limited to, the E1, E2 and NS4 genes.

The invention further relates to mutations of the infectious nucleic acid sequences where "mutations" include, but are not limited to, point mutations, deletions and insertions. Of course, one of ordinary skill in the art would recognize that the size of the insertions would be limited by the ability of the resultant nucleic acid sequence to be properly packaged within the virion. Such mutations could be produced by

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techniques known to those of skill in the art such as site-directed mutagenesis, fusion PCR, and restriction digestion followed by religation.

5 In one embodiment, mutagenesis might be undertaken to determine sequences that are important for viral properties such as replication or virulence. For example, one may introduce a mutation into the infectious nucleic acid sequence which eliminates the 10 cleavage site between the NS4A and NS4B polypeptides to examine the effects on viral replication and processing 15 of the polypeptide.

Alternatively, one may delete all or part of a 20 gene or of the 5' or 3' nontranslated region contained in an infectious nucleic acid sequence and then transfect a host cell (animal or cell culture) with the mutated 25 sequence and measure viral replication in the host by methods known in the art such as RT-PCR. Preferred genes include, but are not limited to, the P7, NS4B and NS5A genes. Of course, those of ordinary skill in the 30 art will understand that deletion of part of a gene, preferably the central portion of the gene, may be preferable to deletion of the entire gene in order to 35 conserve the cleavage site boundaries which exist between proteins in the HCV polyprotein and which are necessary for proper processing of the polyprotein.

In the alternative, if the transfection is 30 into a host animal such as a chimpanzee, one can monitor the virulence phenotype of the virus produced by transfection of the mutated infectious nucleic acid 35 sequence by methods known in the art such as measurement of liver enzyme levels (alanine aminotransferase (ALT) or isocitrate dehydrogenase (ICD)) or by histopathology

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of liver biopsies. Thus, mutations of the infectious nucleic acid sequences may be useful in the production of attenuated HCV strains suitable for vaccine use.

5 The invention also relates to the use of the infectious nucleic acid sequence of the present invention to produce attenuated viral strains via passage in vitro or in vivo of the virus produced by transfection with the infectious nucleic acid sequence.

10 The present invention therefore relates to the use of the nucleic acid sequence of the invention to identify cell lines capable of supporting the replication of HCV.

15 In particular, it is contemplated that the mutations of the infectious nucleic acid sequence of the invention and the production of chimeric sequences as discussed above may be useful in identifying sequences critical for cell culture adaptation of HCV and hence, may be useful in identifying cell lines capable of 20 supporting HCV replication.

Transfection of tissue culture cells with the nucleic acid sequences of the invention may be done by methods of transfection known in the art such as 25 electroporation, precipitation with DEAE-Dextran or calcium phosphate or liposomes.

30 In one such embodiment, the method comprises the growing of animal cells, especially human cells, in vitro and transfecting the cells with the nucleic acid of the invention, then determining if the cells show indicia of HCV infection. Such indicia include the detection of viral antigens in the cell, for example, by immunofluorescence procedures well known in the art; the 35 detection of viral polypeptides by Western blotting

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• using antibodies specific therefor; and the detection of newly transcribed viral RNA within the cells via methods such as RT-PCR. The presence of live, infectious virus particles following such tests may also be shown by 5 injection of cell culture medium or cell lysates into healthy, susceptible animals, with subsequent exhibition of the signs and symptoms of HCV infection.

10 Suitable cells or cell lines for culturing HCV include, but are not limited to, lymphocyte and hepatocyte cell lines known in the art.

15 Alternatively, primary hepatocytes can be cultured, and then infected with HCV; or, the hepatocyte cultures could be derived from the livers of infected chimpanzees. In addition, various immortalization methods known to those of ordinary skill in the art can be used to obtain cell lines derived from hepatocyte cultures. For example, primary hepatocyte cultures may be fused to a variety of cells to maintain stability.

20 The present invention further relates to the in vitro and in vivo production of hepatitis C viruses from the nucleic acid sequences of the invention.

25 In one embodiment, the sequences of the invention can be inserted into an expression vector that functions in eukaryotic cells. Eukaryotic expression vectors suitable for producing high efficiency gene transfer in vivo are well known to those of ordinary skill in the art and include, but are not limited to, 30 plasmids, vaccinia viruses, retroviruses, adenoviruses and adeno-associated viruses.

35 In another embodiment, the sequences contained in the recombinant expression vector can be transcribed in vitro by methods known to those of ordinary skill in

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the art in order to produce RNA transcripts which encode the hepatitis C viruses of the invention. The hepatitis C viruses of the invention may then be produced by transfecting cells by methods known to those of ordinary skill in the art with either the in vitro transcription mixture containing the RNA transcripts or with the recombinant expression vectors containing the nucleic acid sequences described herein.

The hepatitis C viruses produced from the sequences of the invention may be purified or partially purified from the transfected cells by methods known to those of ordinary skill in the art. In a preferred embodiment, the viruses are partially purified prior to their use as immunogens in the pharmaceutical compositions and vaccines of the present invention.

The present invention therefore relates to the use of the hepatitis C viruses produced from the nucleic acid sequences of the invention as immunogens in live or killed (e.g., formalin inactivated) vaccines to prevent hepatitis C in a mammal.

In an alternative embodiment, the immunogen of the present invention may be an infectious nucleic acid sequence, a chimeric nucleic acid sequence, or a mutated infectious nucleic acid sequence which encodes a hepatitis C virus. Where the sequence is a cDNA sequence, the cDNAs and their RNA transcripts may be used to transfect a mammal by direct injection into the liver tissue of the mammal as described in the Examples.

Alternatively, direct gene transfer may be accomplished via administration of a eukaryotic expression vector containing a nucleic acid sequence of the invention.

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In yet another embodiment, the immunogen may be a polypeptide encoded by the nucleic acid sequences of the invention. The present invention therefore also relates to polypeptides produced from the nucleic acid sequences of the invention or fragments thereof. In one embodiment, polypeptides of the present invention can be recombinantly produced by synthesis from the nucleic acid sequences of the invention or isolated fragments thereof, and purified, or partially purified, from 5 transfected cells using methods already known in the art. In an alternative embodiment, the polypeptides may be purified or partially purified from viral particles produced via transfection of a host cell with the 10 nucleic acid sequences of the invention. Such 15 polypeptides might, for example, include either capsid or envelope polypeptides prepared from the sequences of the present invention.

When used as immunogens, the nucleic acid 20 sequences of the invention, or the polypeptides or viruses produced therefrom, are preferably partially purified prior to use as immunogens in pharmaceutical compositions and vaccines of the present invention. 25 When used as a vaccine, the sequences and the polypeptide and virus products thereof, can be administered alone or in a suitable diluent, including, but not limited to, water, saline, or some type of 30 buffered medium. The vaccine according to the present invention may be administered to an animal, especially a mammal, and most especially a human, by a variety of routes, including, but not limited to, intradermally, 35 intramuscularly, subcutaneously, or in any combination thereof.

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• Suitable amounts of material to administer for prophylactic and therapeutic purposes will vary depending on the route selected and the immunogen (nucleic acid, virus, polypeptide) administered. One skilled in the art will appreciate that the amounts to be administered for any particular treatment protocol can be readily determined without undue experimentation. The vaccines of the present invention may be administered once or periodically until a suitable titer of anti-HCV antibodies appear in the blood. For an immunogen consisting of a nucleic acid sequence, a suitable amount of nucleic acid sequence to be used for prophylactic purposes might be expected to fall in the range of from about 100 µg to about 5 mg and most preferably in the range of from about 500 µg to about 2mg. For a polypeptide, a suitable amount to use for prophylactic purposes is preferably 100 ng to 100 µg and for a virus  $10^2$  to  $10^6$  infectious doses. Such administration will, of course, occur prior to any sign of HCV infection.

A vaccine of the present invention may be employed in such forms as capsules, liquid solutions, suspensions or elixirs for oral administration, or sterile liquid forms such as solutions or suspensions. An inert carrier is preferably used, such as saline or phosphate-buffered saline, or any such carrier in which the HCV of the present invention can be suitably suspended. The vaccines may be in the form of single dose preparations or in multi-dose flasks which can be utilized for mass-vaccination programs of both animals and humans. For purposes of using the vaccines of the present invention reference is made to Remington's

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• Pharmaceutical Sciences, Mack Publishing Co., Easton, Pa., Osol (Ed.) (1980); and New Trends and Developments in Vaccines, Voller et al. (Eds.), University Park Press, Baltimore, Md. (1978), both of which provide much useful information for preparing and using vaccines. Of course, the polypeptides of the present invention, when used as vaccines, can include, as part of the composition or emulsion, a suitable adjuvant, such as alum (or aluminum hydroxide) when humans are to be vaccinated, to further stimulate production of antibodies by immune cells. When nucleic acids, viruses or polypeptides are used for vaccination purposes, other specific adjuvants such as CpG motifs (Krieg, A.K. et al. (1995) and (1996)), may prove useful.

When the nucleic acids, viruses and polypeptides of the present invention are used as vaccines or inocula, they will normally exist as physically discrete units suitable as a unitary dosage for animals, especially mammals, and most especially humans, wherein each unit will contain a predetermined quantity of active material calculated to produce the desired immunogenic effect in association with the required diluent. The dose of said vaccine or inoculum according to the present invention is administered at least once. In order to increase the antibody level, a second or booster dose may be administered at some time after the initial dose. The need for, and timing of, such booster dose will, of course, be determined within the sound judgment of the administrator of such vaccine or inoculum and according to sound principles well known in the art. For example, such booster dose could reasonably be expected to be advantageous at some time

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- between about 2 weeks to about 6 months following the initial vaccination. Subsequent doses may be administered as indicated.

5        The nucleic acid sequences, viruses and polypeptides of the present invention can also be administered for purposes of therapy, where a mammal, especially a primate, and most especially a human, is already infected, as shown by well known diagnostic measures. When the nucleic acid sequences, viruses or 10      polypeptides of the present invention are used for such therapeutic purposes, much of the same criteria will apply as when it is used as a vaccine, except that inoculation will occur post-infection. Thus, when the 15      nucleic acid sequences, viruses or polypeptides of the present invention are used as therapeutic agents in the treatment of infection, the therapeutic agent comprises a pharmaceutical composition containing a sufficient amount of said nucleic acid sequences, viruses or 20      polypeptides so as to elicit a therapeutically effective response in the organism to be treated. Of course, the amount of pharmaceutical composition to be administered will, as for vaccines, vary depending on the immunogen 25      contained therein (nucleic acid, polypeptide, virus) and on the route of administration.

30        The therapeutic agent according to the present invention can thus be administered by subcutaneous, intramuscular or intradermal routes. One skilled in the art will certainly appreciate that the amounts to be administered for any particular treatment protocol can be readily determined without undue experimentation. Of course, the actual amounts will vary depending on the 35      route of administration as well as the sex, age, and

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• clinical status of the subject which, in the case of human patients, is to be determined with the sound judgment of the clinician.

5 The therapeutic agent of the present invention can be employed in such forms as capsules, liquid solutions, suspensions or elixirs, or sterile liquid forms such as solutions or suspensions. An inert carrier is preferably used, such as saline, phosphate-buffered saline, or any such carrier in which the HCV of the 10 present invention can be suitably suspended. The therapeutic agents may be in the form of single dose preparations or in the multi-dose flasks which can be utilized for mass-treatment programs of both animals and 15 humans. Of course, when the nucleic acid sequences, viruses or polypeptides of the present invention are used as therapeutic agents they may be administered as a single dose or as a series of doses, depending on the 20 situation as determined by the person conducting the treatment.

The nucleic acids, polypeptides and viruses of the present invention can also be utilized in the production of antibodies against HCV. The term 25 "antibody" is herein used to refer to immunoglobulin molecules and immunologically active portions of immunoglobulin molecules. Examples of antibody molecules are intact immunoglobulin molecules, substantially intact immunoglobulin molecules and 30 portions of an immunoglobulin molecule, including those portions known in the art as Fab, F(ab')<sub>2</sub> and F(v) as well as chimeric antibody molecules.

35 Thus, the polypeptides, viruses and nucleic acid sequences of the present invention can be used in

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the generation of antibodies that immunoreact (i.e., specific binding between an antigenic determinant-containing molecule and a molecule containing an antibody combining site such as a whole antibody molecule or an active portion thereof) with antigenic determinants on the surface of hepatitis C virus particles.

The present invention therefore also relates to antibodies produced following immunization with the nucleic acid sequences, viruses or polypeptides of the present invention. These antibodies are typically produced by immunizing a mammal with an immunogen or vaccine to induce antibody molecules having immunospecificity for polypeptides or viruses produced in response to infection with the nucleic acid sequences of the present invention. When used in generating such antibodies, the nucleic acid sequences, viruses, or polypeptides of the present invention may be linked to some type of carrier molecule. The resulting antibody molecules are then collected from said mammal. Antibodies produced according to the present invention have the unique advantage of being generated in response to authentic, functional polypeptides produced according to the actual cloned HCV genome.

The antibody molecules of the present invention may be polyclonal or monoclonal. Monoclonal antibodies are readily produced by methods well known in the art. Portions of immunoglobin molecules, such as Fabs, as well as chimeric antibodies, may also be produced by methods well known to those of ordinary skill in the art of generating such antibodies.

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The antibodies according to the present invention may also be contained in blood, plasma, serum, hybridoma supernatants, and the like. Alternatively, the antibody of the present invention is isolated to the extent desired by well known techniques such as, for example, using DEAE Sephadex. The antibodies produced according to the present invention may be further purified so as to obtain specific classes or subclasses of antibody such as IgM, IgG, IgA, and the like. Antibodies of the IgG class are preferred for purposes of passive protection.

The antibodies of the present invention are useful in the prevention and treatment of diseases caused by hepatitis C virus in animals, especially mammals, and most especially humans.

20 In providing the antibodies of the present invention to a recipient mammal, preferably a human, the dosage of administered antibodies will vary depending on such factors as the mammal's age, weight, height, sex, general medical condition, previous medical history, and the like.

25 In general, it will be advantageous to provide the recipient mammal with a dosage of antibodies in the range of from about 1 mg/kg body weight to about 10 mg/kg body weight of the mammal, although a lower or higher dose may be administered if found desirable.

30 Such antibodies will normally be administered by intravenous or intramuscular route as an inoculum. The antibodies of the present invention are intended to be provided to the recipient subject in an amount sufficient to prevent, lessen or attenuate the severity, 35 extent or duration of any existing infection.

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• The antibodies prepared by use of the nucleic acid sequences, viruses or polypeptides of the present invention are also highly useful for diagnostic purposes. For example, the antibodies can be used as in vitro diagnostic agents to test for the presence of HCV in biological samples taken from animals, especially humans. Such assays include, but are not limited to, radioimmunoassays, EIA, fluorescence, Western blot analysis and ELISAs. In one such embodiment, the 10 biological sample is contacted with antibodies of the present invention and a labeled second antibody is used to detect the presence of HCV to which the antibodies are bound.

15 Such assays may be, for example, direct where the labeled first antibody is immunoreactive with the antigen, such as, for example, a polypeptide on the surface of the virus; indirect where a labeled second antibody is reactive with the first antibody; a 20 competitive protocol such as would involve the addition of a labeled antigen; or sandwich where both labeled and unlabeled antibody are used, as well as other protocols well known and described in the art.

25 In one embodiment, an immunoassay method would utilize an antibody specific for HCV envelope determinants and would further comprise the steps of contacting a biological sample with the HCV-specific antibody and then detecting the presence of HCV material 30 in the test sample using one of the types of assay protocols as described above. Polypeptides and antibodies produced according to the present invention may also be supplied in the form of a kit, either 35 present in vials as purified material, or present in

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compositions and suspended in suitable diluents as previously described.

In a preferred embodiment, such a diagnostic test kit for detection of HCV antigens in a test sample comprises in combination a series of containers, each container a reagent needed for such assay. Thus, one such container would contain a specific amount of HCV-specific antibody as already described, a second container would contain a diluent for suspension of the sample to be tested, a third container would contain a positive control and an additional container would contain a negative control. An additional container could contain a blank.

For all prophylactic, therapeutic and diagnostic uses, the antibodies of the invention and other reagents, plus appropriate devices and accessories, may be provided in the form of a kit so as to facilitate ready availability and ease of use.

The present invention also relates to the use of nucleic acid sequences and polypeptides of the present invention to screen potential antiviral agents for antiviral activity against HCV. Such screening methods are known by those of skill in the art. Generally, the antiviral agents are tested at a variety of concentrations, for their effect on preventing viral replication in cell culture systems which support viral replication, and then for an inhibition of infectivity or of viral pathogenicity (and a low level of toxicity) in an animal model system.

In one embodiment, animal cells (especially human cells) transfected with the nucleic acid sequences of the invention are cultured in vitro and the cells are

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• treated with a candidate antiviral agent (a chemical, peptide etc.) by adding the candidate agent to the medium. The treated cells are then exposed, possibly under transfecting or fusing conditions known in the art, to the nucleic acid sequences of the present invention. A sufficient period of time would then be allowed to pass for infection to occur, following which the presence or absence of viral replication would be determined versus untreated control cells by methods known to those of ordinary skill in the art. Such methods include, but are not limited to, the detection of viral antigens in the cell, for example, by immunofluorescence procedures well known in the art; the detection of viral polypeptides by Western blotting using antibodies specific therefor; the detection of newly transcribed viral RNA within the cells by RT-PCR; and the detection of the presence of live, infectious virus particles by injection of cell culture medium or cell lysates into healthy, susceptible animals, with subsequent exhibition of the signs and symptoms of HCV infection. A comparison of results obtained for control cells (treated only with nucleic acid sequence) with those obtained for treated cells (nucleic acid sequence and antiviral agent) would indicate, the degree, if any, of antiviral activity of the candidate antiviral agent. Of course, one of ordinary skill in the art would readily understand that such cells can be treated with the candidate antiviral agent either before or after exposure to the nucleic acid sequence of the present invention so as to determine what stage, or stages, of viral infection and replication said agent is effective against.

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In an alternative embodiment, viral enzyme such as NS3 protease, NS2-NS3 protease, NS3 helicase or NS5B RNA polymerase may be produced from a nucleic acid sequence of the invention and used to screen for 5 inhibitors which may act as antiviral agents. The structural and nonstructural regions of the HCV genome, including nucleotide and amino acid locations, have been determined, for example, as depicted in Houghton, M. 10 (1996), Fig. 1; and Major, M.E. et al. (1997), Table 2.

Such above-mentioned protease inhibitors may take the form of chemical compounds or peptides which mimic the known cleavage sites of the protease and may be screened using methods known to those of skill in the 15 art (Houghton, M. (1996) and Major, M.E. et al. (1997)). For example, a substrate may be employed which mimics the protease's natural substrate, but which provides a detectable signal (e.g. by fluorimetric or colorimetric 20 methods) when cleaved. This substrate is then incubated with the protease and the candidate protease inhibitor under conditions of suitable pH, temperature etc. to detect protease activity. The proteolytic activities of the protease in the presence or absence of the candidate 25 inhibitor are then determined.

In yet another embodiment, a candidate antiviral agent (such as a protease inhibitor) may be directly assayed in vivo for antiviral activity by 30 administering the candidate antiviral agent to a chimpanzee transfected with a nucleic acid sequence of the invention or infected with a virus of the invention and then measuring viral replication in vivo via methods such as RT-PCR. Of course, the chimpanzee may be 35 treated with the candidate agent either before or after

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transfection with the infectious nucleic acid sequence or infected with a virus of the invention so as to determine what stage, or stages, of viral infection and replication the agent is effective against.

5 The invention also provides that the nucleic acid sequences, viruses and polypeptides of the invention may be supplied in the form of a kit, alone or in the form of a pharmaceutical composition.

10 All scientific publication and/or patents cited herein are specifically incorporated by reference. The following examples illustrate various aspects of the invention but are in no way intended to limit the scope thereof.

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### EXAMPLES

#### Materials and Methods

##### Source of HCV

20 An infectious plasma pool of HCV genotype 2a (HC-J6<sub>CH</sub>) prepared from acute phase plasma of a chimpanzee experimentally inoculated with plasma from a Japanese patient infected with strain HC-J6 (Okamoto et al., 1991) was used for cloning. An infectious cDNA 25 clone of HCV strain H77, genotype 1a was also used (pCV-H77C; Yanagi et al., 1997).

##### Amplification, cloning and sequence analysis

30 Viral RNA was extracted from 100 µl aliquots of the HC-J6<sub>CH</sub> plasma pool with the TRIzol system (GIBCO/BRL) (Yanagi et al., 1997). Primers used in cDNA synthesis and PCR amplification were based on the genomic sequence of strain HC-J6 (Okamoto et al., 1991) 35 and from the conserved region (3'X) of the 3' UTR of HCV genotype 2a (Tanaka et al., 1996) (Table 1). The RNA

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• was denatured at 65°C for 2 min, and cDNA was synthesized at 42°C for 1 hour with Superscript II reverse transcriptase (GIBCO/BRL) and specific reverse primers in 20 µl reaction volumes. The cDNA mixtures 5 were treated with RNase H and RNase T1 (GIBCO/BRL) at 37°C for 20 min.

**TABLE 1**  
Oligonucleotides used for amplification and cloning  
of strain HC-J6<sub>CH</sub>, genotype 2a

	Designation	Sequence (5' → 3') <sup>a</sup>
10	2427S-H77	ACTGGACACGGAGGTGGCCGGCGTC
	2426S-H77	TTGTTCTTGTGCGGTTAATGGCGC
	2645R-H77	GGGTGTACTACACACATGAGTAAG
	2832R-H77	AAGCGCCCTAACTGTATGATGATG
	H2751SII	<b>CGTCATCGATAACCTCAGCGGGCATATGC</b> ACTGGACACCGGA
	H2786R	<b>GTCCAGTGCATATGCCGCTGAGG</b>
	H2870R	CATGCAACAGCTGATATAGCGCTTGTAAATATG
	H7851S	TCCGTAGAGGAAGCGTGCAGCCTGACGCC
	H9140S (M)	CAGAGGAGGCAGGGCTATATGTGGCAAGTAC
	H9173R (M)	GTACTTGCACATATAGCAGCCCTGCCTCCCTG
15	H9471R	<b>CGTCTCTAGACAGGAAATGGCTTAAGAGGCCGGAGTGT</b> TACC
	J6-H2556S	<b>TTATGGATGCTCATCTTGTGGGCCAGGCCAAGCAGTTGGAGAACCTCGTAATACT</b>
	356RF-J6H	CAATGC
	1S-J6F <sup>b</sup>	AGGATTGTGCTCATGGTCACGGTCTACGAG
	333S-J6	<b>TTTTTTTGCAGCCGCTAAATACGACTCACATATAGACCCGCCCTAAATAGG</b>
	753R-J6	CCGTGACCATGAGCACAAATCTAAACCTC
	2543S-J6F	GGATGTACCCCATGAGGTGCGCAAAG
	2787R-J6 (26)	<b>GTTTGGCCCTGCTTATGGATGCTCATCTG</b>
	3329R-J6	GCGTCATAAGCATATGCCGTGTTGGGG
	5487-J6F	CCCTCAGCACTGGAGTACATCTG
20	5518R-J6F	<b>CGTCATGCATAACCCCTAGGGCGCTCTCATTGAAGAGGG</b>
	9251S-J6F	CGTCCCTCTTCAATGAGAGCCGCTCTAGA
	9305R-J6F	GCGGTGAAGGACCAAGCTCAAACTCACTC
	9310R-J6F	<b>AATCTAGAAAGCGCGCTTCCGGCAATGGACTGAGTTTGAGC</b>
	9399S-J6F	CGTCTCTAGAGGATAAAATCCAGGAGGCCGCGCTTCCGGC
	9464-J6F	TACTTTTGTAAGGGTAGGCCTTTC
	9470 (24)-J6	<b>CGTCTCTAGAGGTGAGCTAATGTGTGCGCTCTA</b>
	J6-3' XR	CTATGGAGTGTAGCTAATGTGTGCGCTCTA
		<b>CGTCTCTAGACATGATCTGAGAGAGACCAGTTACGGCACTCTCTGFCAGTCATGCCGC</b>
		TCACGGACCTTTCACAGCTAGCCGTACTAGGGCTAAGATGGAGCCACC

30           a    HCV-specific sequences are shown in plain text, non HCV-specific sequences are shown in bold face, and cleavage sites used for cDNA cloning are underlined.

              b    The core sequence of the T7 promotor is shown in italics.

The strategy used to amplify and clone the full-length HC-J6<sub>CH</sub> sequence is shown in Fig. 1.

35           Nucleotide positions correspond to those of the 2a

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• infectious clone (pJ6CF) that is described herein. The 5' end of HC-J6<sub>CH</sub> (nts. 17-297, excluding primer sequences) was amplified from 2  $\mu$ l of cDNA synthesized with primer a-2 (Yanagi et al., 1996). PCR was performed 5 with *AmpliTaq Gold* DNA polymerase (Perkin-Elmer) as described previously (Yanagi et al., 1996) using primers 1S-J6F and a-2. After purification, the amplified products were cloned into pGEM-T Easy vector (Promega) using standard procedures and 5 clones (pJ6-5'UTR) were 10 sequenced.

The 3' end of HC-J6<sub>CH</sub> was amplified in 3 overlapping pieces. RT-PCR of a short fragment of NS5B (nts. 9279-9439) was performed with primers 9251S-J6F and 15 9464R-J6F as described above. The PCR products were cloned into pGEM-T Easy vector and sequence analysis was performed from 5 pJ6-3'F clones. A second region spanning from NS5B to the conserved region of the 3' UTR (nts. 9376-9629) was amplified in RT-nested PCR 20 (external primers H9261F and H3'X58R, internal primers H9282F and H3'X45R) (Yanagi et al., 1997). The amplified products were cloned into pGEM-9zf(-) by using *Hind*III and *Xba*I sites and 14 pJ6-3'VR clones were sequenced. 25 The third fragment, which included the 3' terminal sequence was amplified with primers 9399S-J6F and J6-3'XR from one of the pJ6-3'VR clones, and cloned into one of the pJ6-3'F clones by using *Stu*I and *Xba*I sites 30 (pJ6-3'X).

The ORF of HCV HC-J6<sub>CH</sub> was amplified by long RT-PCR in 3 overlapping pieces. The amplification was performed on 2  $\mu$ l of the cDNA mixtures with the 35 Advantage cDNA polymerase mix (Clontech) (Yanagi et al., 1997). The J6S fragment (nts. 86-2761) was amplified

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with primers a-1 (Yanagi et al., 1996) and J6-2787R from cDNA synthesized with primer J6-3329R. A single PCR round was performed in a Robocycler thermal cycler (Stratagene), and consisted of denaturation at 99°C for 35 sec, annealing at 67°C for 30 sec and elongation at 68°C for 4 min 30 sec during the first 5 cycles, 5 min during the next 10 cycles, 5 min 30 sec during the following 10 cycles and 6 min during the last 10 cycles.

5 The J6B fragment (nts. 2573-5488) was amplified with primers 2543S-J6F and 5518R-J6F from cDNA synthesized with primer 5518R-J6F. Finally, the J6A fragment (nts. 5515-9282) was amplified with primers 5487S-J6F and 9310R-J6F from cDNA synthesized with primer

10 9470R(24)-J6F. PCR amplifications of fragments J6B and J6A consisted of denaturation at 99°C for 35 sec, annealing at 67°C for 30 sec and elongation at 68°C for 6 min during the first 5 cycles, 7 min during the next 10

15 cycles, 8 min during the following 10 cycles and 9 min during the last 10 cycles.

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After purification of the long PCR products with QIAquick PCR purification kit (QIAGEN), A-tailing reactions were performed with *AmpliTaq* DNA polymerase (Perkin Elmer) at 72 °C for 1 hour. The gel-purified A-tailed PCR products were cloned into pCR2.1 vector (Invitrogen) or pGEM-T Easy vector (Promega). DH5-alpha competent cells (GIBCO BRL) were transformed and selected on LB agar plates containing 100 µg/ml ampicillin (SIGMA) and amplified in LB liquid cultures at 30°C for 18 - 20 hrs (Yanagi et al., 1997). Midiprep was performed using Wizard *Plus* Midipreps DNA

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Purification System (Promega). Multiple clones of the J6S, J6A and the J6B fragments were sequenced.

The consensus sequence of strain HC-J6<sub>CH</sub> (nts. 17-9629) was determined by direct sequencing of PCR products (nts. 297-3004 and nts. 4893-5762) and by sequence analysis of the TA clones (nts. 17-5488 and nts. 5515-9629) (Fig. 1). Both strands of DNA were sequenced in all cases. Analyses of genomic sequences, including multiple sequence alignments and tree analyses, were performed with GeneWorks (Oxford Molecular Group) (Bukh et al., 1995).

10 Construction of chimeric cDNA clones of genotypes 1a & 2a

Four full-length intertypic chimeric cDNA 15 clones were constructed (Figs. 4, 5A, 5B). In each clone the C, E1 and E2 genes encoded the consensus amino acid sequence of HC-J6<sub>CH</sub>. The p7 protein was encoded either by the HC-J6<sub>CH</sub> or pCV-H77C consensus sequence, and the NS 20 proteins were all encoded by pCV-H77C genes. To engineer these cDNA clones, an NdeI site from pCV-H77C was first eliminated by a silent substitution (C to T) at position 9158. In brief, two fragments were 25 amplified from pCV-H77C with primers H7851S and H9173R(M) and with primers H9140S(M) and H9417R (Table 3), gel-purified and used for fusion PCR with primers H7851S and H9417R. The fusion PCR products were cloned into pCV-H77C by using *Hind*III and *Af*III sites. A new 30 artificial NdeI site was introduced by a silent substitution (C to T) at position 2765. PCR products, which were amplified from pCV-H77C with primer H2751SII containing artificial *Cla*I and NdeI sites and primer H2870R, were cloned into the modified pCV-H77C by using 35

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• *Cla*I and *Eco*47III sites. The final construct (pH77CV) was used as a cassette vector to construct the intertypic chimeric HCV cDNA clones.

5 The four chimeric cDNA clones were constructed as follows. pH77CV-J6S (nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID No:3 and amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID No:4): The *Age*I/*Bsm*I fragment of clone J6S2 and the *Bsm*I/*Nde*I fragment of clone J6S1, were cloned into pH77CV by using *Age*I and *Nde*I sites; pH77 (p7)CV-J6S (nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID No:5 and amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID No:6): A fragment of pH77CV-J6S was replaced with a fragment amplified from pCV-H77C with primers J6-H2556S and H2786R by using *Bsa*BI and 10 *Nde*I sites; J6S (nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID No:7 and amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID No:8): A fragment amplified from pH77pCV-H77C with primers a-1 and 356RF-J6H77 and another fragment amplified from pH77CV-J6S with primers 333S-J6 and 753R-J6 were 15 gel-purified and a fusion-PCR was performed with primers a-1 and 753R-J6. The *Age*I/*Cla*I fragment of the subcloned fusion PCR products and the *Cla*I/*Nde*I fragment of pH77CV-J6S were cloned into pH77CV-J6S by using *Age*I and *Nde*I sites; pH77(p7)-J6S (nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID No:9 and amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID No:10): The *Age*I/*Cla*I fragment of J6S and the *Cla*I/*Nde*I fragment of (p7)CV-J6S were cloned into pH77(p7)CV-J6S 20 by using *Age*I and *Nde*I sites.

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35 Each intertypic chimeric cDNA clone was retransformed to select a single clone, and large-scale preparation of plasmid DNA was performed with a QIAGEN plasmid Maxi kit as described previously (Yanagi et al., 1997). Each of the four cDNA clones was completely

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sequenced before inoculation. Each clone was genetically stable since the digestion pattern was as expected following retransformation and the complete sequence was the expected one.

5 Construction of full-length cDNA clone HC-J6<sub>CH</sub>

An overview of the full-length HC-J6<sub>CH</sub> clone is presented in Fig. 1. In the final construct pJ6CF, which encodes the consensus polyprotein of HC-J6<sub>CH</sub>, an 10 *Xba*I site was eliminated by a silent substitution (A to G) at position 5494. Digested fragments containing the consensus sequence were purified from the appropriate subclones and ligated using the sites indicated. The 15 full-length cDNA clone (pJ6CF) was retransformed to select a single clone, and large-scale preparation of plasmid DNA followed by the complete sequence analysis was performed. Clone pJ6CF was genetically stable.

20 Intrahepatic transfection of chimpanzee with transcribed RNA

In duplicate 100  $\mu$ l reactions, RNA was transcribed *in vitro* with T7 RNA polymerase (Promega) from 10  $\mu$ g of template plasmid linearized with *Xba*I (Promega) as described previously (Yanagi et al., 1997). The 25 integrity of the RNA was checked by electrophoresis through agarose gel stained with ethidium bromide (Yanagi et al., 1997). Each transcription mixture was diluted with 400  $\mu$ l of ice-cold phosphate-buffered 30 saline without calcium or magnesium and then immediately frozen on dry ice and stored at -80°C. Within 24 hours, both transcription mixtures were injected into the same chimpanzee by percutaneous intrahepatic injection guided 35 by ultrasound (Yanagi et al., 1998, 1999). If the

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• chimpanzee did not become infected, the same transfection was repeated once. After two negative results, the next clone was inoculated into the same chimpanzee following the same protocol. Injections were 5 performed at weeks 0 and 2 with pH77CV-J6S, at weeks 5 and 8 with pH77(p7)CV-J6S, at weeks 14 and 16 with pH77-J6S, at weeks 19 and 23 with pH77(p7)-J6S, at week 28 with pJ6CF, and finally at week 34 with pCV-H77C. The chimpanzee was maintained under conditions that met 10 or exceeded all requirements for its use in an approved facility.

Serum samples were collected weekly from the chimpanzee and monitored for liver enzyme levels by 15 standard procedures, anti-HCV antibodies by the second-generation ELISA (Abbott) and HCV RNA by a sensitive RT-nested PCR assay with *AmpliTaq Gold* DNA polymerase using primers from the 5' UTR (Yanagi et al., 1996). Samples were scored as negative for HCV RNA if 20 two independent tests on 100 µl of serum were negative. The genome equivalent (GE) titer of HCV in positive samples was determined by RT-nested PCR on 10-fold serial dilutions of the extracted RNA (Bukh et al., 25 1998). The consensus sequence of the complete ORF from the chimpanzee infected with RNA transcripts of pJ6CF was determined by direct sequencing of overlapping PCR products obtained by long RT-nested PCR as previously 30 described (Yanagi et al., 1997) with HC-J6 specific primers. After the intrahepatic transfection with RNA transcripts of pCV-H77C, we performed H77(genotype 1a)-specific RT-nested PCR with primers 2427S-H77 and 35 2832R-H77 for the 1st round and with primers 2462S-H77 and 2645R-H77 for the 2nd round (Table 3). The

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• sensitivity of this assay was equivalent to that of the assay using 5' UTR primers when testing serum containing only H77, genotype 1a. The genome titer of genotype 1a was determined by using this specific RT- nested PCR on 5 10-fold serial dilutions of the extracted RNA.

EXAMPLE 1

Sequence analysis of HCV strain HC-J6<sub>CH</sub>

10 As minor deviations from the consensus amino acid sequence were found previously to render full-length HCV cDNA clones noninfectious (Yanagi et al., 1997, 1998), the consensus sequence of the cloning 15 source of genotype 2a (strain HC-J6<sub>CH</sub>) was determined prior to constructing any full-length clones. In brief, a plasma pool containing strain HC-J6<sub>CH</sub> was prepared from acute phase plasmapheresis units collected from a chimpanzee experimentally infected with HC-J6 (Okamoto et al., 1991). The HCV genome titer of this pool was 20 10<sup>5.4</sup> genome equivalents (GE)/ml (Quantiplex HCV RNA bDNA 2.0, Chiron) and the infectivity titer was 10<sup>4</sup> chimpanzee infectious doses/ml.

25 The consensus sequence of the 5' UTR of HC-J6<sub>CH</sub> (nts. 17-340) was deduced from 5 clones containing nts. 17-297 and 8 clones containing nts. 86-340. The 5' UTR of the various clones was highly conserved, but the 30 consensus sequence of HC-J6<sub>CH</sub> differed by 2 nucleotides from that published previously for HC-J6 (Okamoto et al., 1991: C to T at position 36 and T to C at position 222).

35 The consensus sequence of 14 clones of the 3' UTR of HC-J6<sub>CH</sub> indicated that the 39 nucleotide long variable region was highly conserved in this strain and

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• was identical to that previously published for HC-J6 (Okamoto et al., 1991). The polypyrimidine tract varied greatly in length (84-164 nucleotides), and contained some conserved A residues. In the conserved region, the 5 proximal 16 nucleotides were identical to those previously published for isolates of different HCV genotypes (Kolykhalov et al., 1996; Tanaka et al., 1996; Yamada et al., 1996). The remaining 82 nucleotides of the conserved region were determined for other genotype 10 2a strains (Tanaka et al., 1996) but not for HC-J6 or HC-J6<sub>CH</sub>.

The ORF of HC-J6<sub>CH</sub> was amplified in 3 fragments by RT-PCR (Fig. 1). Eight clones of the J6S fragment (nts. 86-2761), 6 clones of the J6B fragment (nts. 15 2573-5488) and 6 clones of the J6A fragment (nts. 5515-9298) were sequenced. PCR fragments containing nts. 5489-5514 were sequenced directly. A quasispecies was found at 243 nucleotide (2.7%) and 69 amino acid 20 (2.3%) positions, scattered throughout the 9099 nts (3033 aa) of the ORF. However, the majority, 231 nucleotide substitutions, were detected only once and 71.6 % of these represented silent mutations. The 12 25 remaining nucleotide substitutions were each restricted to 2 clones and only 4 of these resulted in amino acid changes. The nucleotide difference among the J6S clones ranged from 0.1 - 1.3%, among the J6B clones it ranged from 0.1 - 0.3%, and it ranged from 0.2 - 4.0% among the 30 J6A clones (Fig. 2). Three of 8 J6S clones, 4 of 6 J6B clones, and all 6 J6A clones had defective polyproteins due to nucleotide deletions, insertions or substitutions.

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• The sequences of clones of strain HC-J6<sub>CH</sub> were relatively homogeneous. This was highlighted by the high degree of conservation among clones of the HVR1 (Fig. 3), a region frequently used to study the 5 quasispecies of HCV (Bukh et al., 1995). An exception was the sequence of clone J6A1, which differed by about 4% from the other clones of this region (Fig. 2). Importantly, the consensus sequence of strain HC-J6<sub>CH</sub> 10 (nts. 17-9629) could be determined with no ambiguity at the nucleotide or deduced amino acid level. The difference between the consensus ORF sequence of HC-J6<sub>CH</sub> from the experimentally infected chimpanzee and that of HC-J6 of the inoculum (Okamoto et al., 1991) was 4.1 % 15 and 2.2 % at the nucleotide and deduced amino acid levels, respectively (Fig. 2, Table 2). Moreover, we found that 12 (44.4%) of the 27 amino acids constituting HVR1 differed between HC-J6<sub>CH</sub> and HC-J6 (Fig. 3). Such diversities are greater than the < 2 % generally 20 considered to comprise a quasispecies. In fact, these differences are equivalent to those found between the two prototype strains of HCV genotype 1a [strains HCV-1 (Choo et al., 1991) and H77 (Yanagi et al., 1997)]. 25 These results indicated that HC-J6<sub>CH</sub>, which represented the major species in the experimentally infected chimpanzee, was a minor species in the original inoculum.

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TABLE 2

Percent difference of nucleotide and predicted amino acid sequences between strain HC-J6 (Okamoto *et al.*, 1991) and strain HC-J6<sub>CH</sub> from acute phase plasma pool of a chimpanzee inoculated with HC-J6

Genome Region	nt.position <sup>a</sup>	% nt. difference	% a.a. difference
ORF	341-9439	4.1 (373/9099) <sup>b</sup>	2.2 (66/3033) <sup>b</sup>
5' UTR	17-340	0.6 (2/324)	
Core	341-913	0.5 (3/573)	0 (0/191)
E1	914-1489	4.3 (25/576)	2.1 (4/192)
HVR1	1490-1570	24.7 (20/81)	44.4 (12/27)
E2-HVR1	1571-2590	3.9 (40/1020)	3.2 (11/340)
p7	2591-2779	3.7 (7/189)	3.2 (2/63)
NS2	2780-3430	4.0 (26/651)	2.8 (6/217)
NS3	3431-5323	4.0 (76/1893)	0.8 (5/631)
NS4A	5324-5485	4.3 (7/162)	1.9 (1/54)
NS4B	5486-6268	3.7 (29/783)	0.4 (1/261)
NS5A	6269-7666	5.4 (75/1398)	3.4 (16/466)
NS5B	7667-9439	3.7 (65/1773)	1.4 (8/591)
3' UTR	9440-9481	0 (0/42)	

<sup>a</sup> The nucleotide positions correspond to those of the infectious full-length genotype 2a clone (pJ6CF).

<sup>b</sup> The numbers in parenthesis indicate the nucleotide or amino acid differences for each region.

Example 2

Chimeric molecular clones

As chimeric flaviviruses with substituted structural genes have been useful in defining the biological function of viral sequences or proteins, in analyzing immune responses and in generating attenuated vaccine candidates (Bray and Lai, 1991; Chambers *et al.*, 1999; Pletnev *et al.*, 1992, 1993, 1998). The consensus sequence of the 2a structural genes and surrounding region was substituted for that of the infectious 1a cDNA clone. In the genotype 1a backbone, two silent mutations were introduced for cloning purposes [at positions 2765 (p7) and 9158 (NS5B) of pCV-H77C] (Fig. 4). The complete sequence of each chimera was verified. Infectivity of RNA transcripts from four different

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intertypic chimeric clones (Figs. 4, 5A, 5B) was evaluated by consecutive intrahepatic transfections of a chimpanzee. Clones were considered not to be viable if viral RNA was not detected in the serum within two weeks of the repeat transfection. All chimeric clones contained the C, E1 and E2 genes of genotype 2a. The two chimeric clones tested initially differed from each other in that one had the p7 gene of 2a (pH77CV-J6S) and the other [pH77(p7)CV-J6S] the p7 gene of 1a. They differed from the two other clones in that the 186 nucleotides of the 5' UTR just upstream of the initiation codon were from the 2a genotype. Since neither clone containing the chimeric 5' UTR was infectious, the chimeric 5' UTR was replaced with the consensus genotype 1a 5' UTR to generate the two p7 varieties [pH77-J6S and pH77(p7)-J6S]. After consecutive transfection of the four clones, no HCV RNA, anti-HCV or ALT elevation was detected in the chimpanzee during 28 weeks of follow-up, suggesting that RNA transcripts from these intertypic chimeric clones were not viable *in vivo*.

This finding that the intertypic clones between genotypes 1a and 2a were not viable was surprising since flavivirus chimeras containing the structural region of dengue virus type 1 or 2 or of tick-borne encephalitis virus and the nonstructural region of an infectious dengue type 4 virus were viable (Bray and Lai, 1991; Pletnev et al., 1992, 1993). While considerable sequence variation exists between the infectious genotype 1a and 2a clones of HCV (Table 3), these viruses exhibit a higher degree of genetic heterogeneity than do the major genotypes of HCV. For other flaviviruses, however, it was possible to obtain

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infectious chimeric clones only if the capsid region was derived from the backbone cDNA clone (Chambers et al., 1999; Pletnev and Men, 1998).

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TABLE 3

Percent difference of the amino acid sequences between the infectious clone of genotype 1a (pCV-H77C; Yanagi et al., 1997) and the infectious clone of genotype 2a (pJ6CF) of hepatitis C virus

Genome Region <sup>a</sup>	% difference
Polyprotein	27.9 (839/3007) <sup>b</sup>
Core	8.9 (17/191)
E1	37.0 (71/192)
HVR1	59.3 (16/27)
E2-HVR1	27.1 (91/336)
p7	38.1 (24/63)
NS2	41.9 (91/217)
NS3	19.2 (121/631)
NS4A	33.3 (18/54)
NS4B	26.8 (70/261)
NS5A	38.5 (171/444)
NS5B	25.2 (149/591)

a Genome regions defined as in Table 1.

b The numbers in parenthesis indicate the amino acid differences for each region.

20 Positions with deletions or insertions in E2 (4 aa positions) and NS5A (26 aa positions) were not considered.

25 Trivial explanations may account for the lack of viability of these intertypic chimeras. First, the two silent mutations introduced in the genotype 1a backbone (one in p7 and one in NS5B) for cloning purposes could potentially eliminate infectivity. This is, however, very unlikely since mutations at these positions exist among field isolates of HCV including 30 strain HC-J6<sub>CH</sub> (Bukh et al., 1998). Also, it is noteworthy that the three previously published infectious clones of strain H77 had numerous silent nucleotide differences (Hong et al., 1999; Kolykhalov et al., 1997; Yanagi et al., 1997). Second, signal 35 peptidases might not cleave the chimeric E2/p7 or p7/NS2

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junction. This seems unlikely, however, since eukaryotic signal peptidases typically recognize the amino acid sequences upstream of the cleavage site [the (-3, -1) rule] (Nielsen et al., 1997) and the amino acids at these two sites are conserved between genotypes 1a and 2a (Fig. 5B). Finally, the E2/p7 and/or p7/NS2 gene junctions could differ between genotypes 1a and 2a. The junctions determined for genotypes 1a and 1b were used (Lin et al., 1994; Mizushima et al., 1994; Selby et al., 1994) because those for genotype 2a have not been identified. In the latter two cases, further analyses of genotype 2a should eventually provide sufficient data to overcome such potential problems and it would most likely be possible to construct a viable chimera.

More complicated explanations for the lack of viability of the chimeras might be required if critical genotype-specific interactions occur as regards the structural proteins, the nonstructural proteins and the genomic RNA. For instance, one cannot rule out that the chimeras were not viable because the IRES function was compromised. In *in vitro* studies the IRES activity depended on RNA sequences not only in the 5' UTR but also extending 3' of the translation initiation site (Hahm et al., 1998; Lemon and Honda, 1997; Reynolds et al., 1995). Although the 3' border of the HCV IRES is still controversial it is believed to involve at most the first 39 nts of the core gene (Lemon and Honda, 1997). The 5' UTR of the intertypic chimeras was either a chimera of genotype 1a and 2a sequences or the entire 5' UTR was derived from the 1a clone (Figs. 4, 5A). Importantly, the 5' end of core is conserved among genotypes 1a and 2a (Fig. 5A). Thus, the predicted

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- IRES-like secondary structure is maintained in these chimeras, suggesting that the IRES activity most likely was maintained.

Possible interactions between the structural proteins and the nonstructural proteins and/or the genomic RNA, which involve RNA packaging, replication or translation are conceivable. In poliovirus, which is another positive-sense RNA virus, functional coupling of RNA packaging to RNA replication and of RNA replication to translation have been suggested (Novak and Kirkegaard, 1994 ; Nugent et al., 1999). Similar to other viruses of the *Flaviviridae* family, a membrane-associated replicase complex is thought to initiate replication at the 3' end of HCV and to synthesize a complementary negative-strand RNA (Rice, 1996). The putative *cis*-acting elements at the 5' and 3' termini which are believed to be important for viral genome replication (Rice 1996; Frolov et al., 1998) should be maintained in the intertypic HCV chimeras at least in the two constructs with the authentic 1a 5'UTR. However, it is conceivable that the viral packaging system was interrupted (Frolov et al., 1998). Studies using a Kunjin flavivirus replicon system and providing the structural proteins *in trans* suggested that the essential encapsidation signals did not reside in the structural region of the genome (Khromykh et al., 1997, 1998). The location of the packaging signals of HCV is not known. However, if the structural proteins encapsidate viral RNA via genotype-specific sequences outside of the structural region, the chimeras would be unable to package the RNA and it might be extremely

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• difficult to construct viable chimeras between highly divergent strains.

Example 3

5           A consensus molecular clone of genotype 2a is infectious in vivo

In order to prove that the genotype 2a portion used in the 4 intertypic chimeric cDNA clones indeed represented the infectious sequence, a consensus full-length cDNA clone of HC-J6<sub>CH</sub> (pJ6CF) was constructed. The core sequence of the T7 promoter, a 5' guanosine residue and the full-length sequence of HC-J6<sub>CH</sub> (9711 nts) were cloned into pGEM-9Zf vector using NotI/XbaI sites. Within the HCV sequence there were no deduced amino acid differences and only 4 nucleotide differences (at nucleotide positions 1822, 5494, 9247 and 9289) from the consensus sequence of HC-J6<sub>CH</sub> as determined in the present study. The silent mutation at position 1822 was within the structural region and so was also present in the four intertypic chimeras. The 5' terminal 16 nts and the 3' terminal 82 nts were deduced from previously published HCV genotype 2a sequences (Okamoto et al., 1991, Tanaka et al., 1996). The full-length cDNA clone of genotype 2a contained a 5' UTR of 340 nts, an ORF of 9099 nts encoding 3033 amino acids and a 3' UTR consisting of a variable region of 39 nts followed by a 132 nucleotide-long polypyrimidine tract interrupted 30 with 3 A residues and the 3' terminal conserved region of 98 nts.

RNA transcripts from pJ6CF were injected into the same chimpanzee used for injection of the 4 intertypic chimeras. The chimpanzee became infected at

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the first attempt with an HCV titer of  $10^2$  GE/ml at week 1 post inoculation (p.i.), and  $10^3$ - $10^4$  GE/ml during weeks 2 to 6 p.i. The consensus sequence of PCR products of the complete ORF, amplified from serum obtained during week 5 p.i., was identical to the sequence of pJ6CF and there was no evidence of a quasispecies. Since RNA transcripts of this infectious genotype 2a clone were infectious *in vivo*, and it shared an exact sequence with the non-infectious intertypic chimeric clones, their failure to replicate must have been the result of incompatibilities between the genotype 1a and 2a sequences.

To confirm that the chimpanzee used was susceptible also to infection by genotype 1a, which comprised most of the intertypic chimeras, the chimpanzee was subsequently inoculated with RNA transcripts from the infectious genotype 1a clone (pCV-H77C). Serum samples were tested in an H77-specific RT-PCR assay to identify super-infection with genotype 1a. At week 1 p.i. the total HCV genome titer was  $10^4$  GE/ml and the H77-specific (1a) genome titer was  $10^2$  GE/ml. The H77-specific genome titer increased to  $10^3$  GE/ml at week 2 p.i., and reached  $10^4$  GE/ml during weeks 3-6 p.i. The consensus sequence of PCR products amplified with H77-specific primers at weeks 1-6 p.i. were found to be identical to that of pCV-H77C. However, the direct sequences of PCR products amplified with the 5' UTR primers at weeks 1-2 after inoculation of pCV-H77C were identical to that of pJ6CF indicating that the 2a genotype was still present and represented the majority species. These experiments confirmed that the inability of the intertypic 1a, 2a

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• cDNA clones to infect the chimpanzee was not the result of protective immune responses in the chimpanzee but represented deficiencies intrinsic to the chimeras.

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#### Discussion

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The published infectious cDNA clones of HCV represent the two most important subtypes of genotype 1 (Hong et al., 1999; Kolykhalov et al., 1997; Yanagi et al., 1997, 1998). However, 5 more major genotypes of HCV are recognized. In the above Examples, the infectivity of a cDNA clone of a second major HCV genotype was demonstrated. As in previous studies, the infectivity of RNA transcripts was demonstrated *in vivo* by intrahepatic transfection of a chimpanzee. This new infectious clone (pJ6CF) encodes the consensus polyprotein of HCV strain HC-J6<sub>CH</sub>, genotype 2a. Its encoded polyprotein differs from those of the infectious clones of genotypes 1a and 1b by approximately 30% (Table 2). Genotype 2 strains, in particular subtypes 2a and 2b, have a worldwide distribution and important differences between genotypes 1 and 2 with respect to pathogenesis and treatment were indicated in previous studies. The availability of an infectious clone representing a second major genotype of HCV should permit new ways of studying the molecular biology and immunopathology of this important and genetically quite different human pathogen.

The 5' and 3' UTRs of HCV are believed to be critical for viral replication, translation and viral packaging (Rice, 1996). The 5' 203 terminal nucleotides and the 3' 101 terminal nucleotides of the published infectious clones of genotypes 1a and 1b were identical.

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However, the sequences of UTRs of the genotype 2a clone differ from those of the genotype 1 clones. Overall, the 5' UTR of the genotype 2a clone has 17 nt differences and a single nucleotide deletion compared with the infectious clones of genotype 1a (Fig. 5A).  
5 Five of these differences and the deletion are within the first 30 nucleotides, whereas the remainder are found within the predicted IRES structure. Differences also exist between the 3' UTR of the genotype 2a clone and the clones of genotype 1a (Fig. 5B). The sequences of the variable region are very different. Recent study 10 has shown this region is not critical for infectivity *in vivo* (Yanagi et al., 1999). Within the regions which are critical for infectivity *in vivo* (Yanagi et al., 1999), the 132 nucleotide-long polypyrimidine tract of the genotype 2a clone has 3 unique A residues interspersed and the 3' terminal conserved region of 98 15 nts has 4 nt differences within the 3' terminal stable stem-loop structure (Fig. 5B) (Kolykhalov et al., 1996; Tanaka et al., 1996). Since the 2a clone was infectious 20 these sequence differences are apparently real and are compatible with infectivity. Further studies are required to determine whether these represent critical 25 genotype-specific sequences.

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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A purified and isolated nucleic acid molecule which encodes human hepatitis C virus of genotype 2a, said molecule capable of expressing said virus when transfected into cells.  
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2. The nucleic acid molecule of claim 1, wherein said molecule encodes the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2.  
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3. The nucleic acid molecule of claim 2, wherein said molecule comprises the nucleic acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:1.  
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4. A DNA construct comprising a nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1.  
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5. A DNA construct comprising a nucleic acid molecule according to claim 3.  
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6. An RNA transcript of the DNA construct of claim 4.  
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7. An RNA transcript of the DNA construct of claim 5.  
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8. A cell transfected with the DNA construct of claim 4.  
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9. A cell transfected with the DNA construct of claim 5.  
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10. A cell transfected with RNA transcript of claim 6.  
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11. A cell transfected with RNA transcript of  
claim 7.

12. A hepatitis C virus polypeptide produced  
by the cell of claims 8 or 9.

13. A hepatitis C virus polypeptide produced  
by the cell of claims 10 or 11.

14. A hepatitis C virus produced by the cell  
of claims 8 or 9.

15. A hepatitis C virus produced by the cell  
of claims 10 or 11.

16. A hepatitis C virus whose genome  
comprises a nucleic acid molecule according to claim 1.

17. A hepatitis C virus whose genome  
comprises a nucleic acid molecule according to claim 3.

18. A method for producing a hepatitis C  
virus comprising transfecting a host cell with the RNA  
transcript of claims 6 or 7.

19. A polypeptide encoded by a nucleic acid  
sequence according to claim 1.

20. A polypeptide encoded by a nucleic acid  
sequence according to claim 3.

21. The polypeptide of claim 19, wherein said  
polypeptide is selected from the group consisting of NS3  
protease, E1 protein, E2 protein or NS4 protein.

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22. The polypeptide of claim 20, wherein said polypeptide is selected from the group consisting of NS3 protease, E1 protein, E2 protein or NS4 protein.

5 23. A method for assaying candidate antiviral agents for activity against HCV, comprising:

- a) exposing a cell containing the hepatitis C virus of claims 16 or 17 to the candidate antiviral agent; and
- 10 b) measuring the presence or absence of hepatitis C virus replication in the cell of step (a).

15 24. The method of claim 23, wherein said replication in step (b) is measured by at least one of the following: negative strand RT-PCR, quantitative RT-PCR, Western blot, immunofluorescence, or infectivity in a susceptible animal.

20 25. A method for assaying candidate antiviral agents for activity against HCV, comprising:

- a) exposing an HCV protease encoded by a nucleic acid sequence according to claims 1 or 3 or a fragment thereof to the candidate antiviral agent in the presence of a protease substrate; and
- 25 b) measuring the protease activity of said protease.

30 35 26. The method of claim 25, wherein said HCV protease is selected from the group consisting of an NS3 domain protease, an NS3-NS4A fusion polypeptide, or an NS2-NS3 protease.

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27. An antiviral agent identified as having antiviral activity for HCV by the method of claim 23.

28. An antiviral agent identified as having antiviral activity for HCV by the method of claim 25.

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29. Antibody to the polypeptide of claim 19.

30. Antibody to the polypeptide of claim 20.

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31. Antibody to the hepatitis C virus of claim 16.

32. Antibody to the hepatitis C virus of claim 17.

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33. A method for determining the susceptibility of cells *in vitro* to support HCV infection, comprising the steps of:

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- a) growing animal cells *in vitro*;
- b) transfecting into said cells the nucleic acid of claim 1; and
- c) determining if said cells show indicia of HCV replication.

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34. The method according to claim 33, wherein said cells are human cells.

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35. A composition comprising a polypeptide of claim 19 suspended in a suitable amount of a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or excipient.

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36. A composition comprising a polypeptide of claim 20 suspended in a suitable amount of a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or excipient.

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37. A composition comprising a nucleic acid molecule of claim 1 suspended in a suitable amount of a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or excipient.

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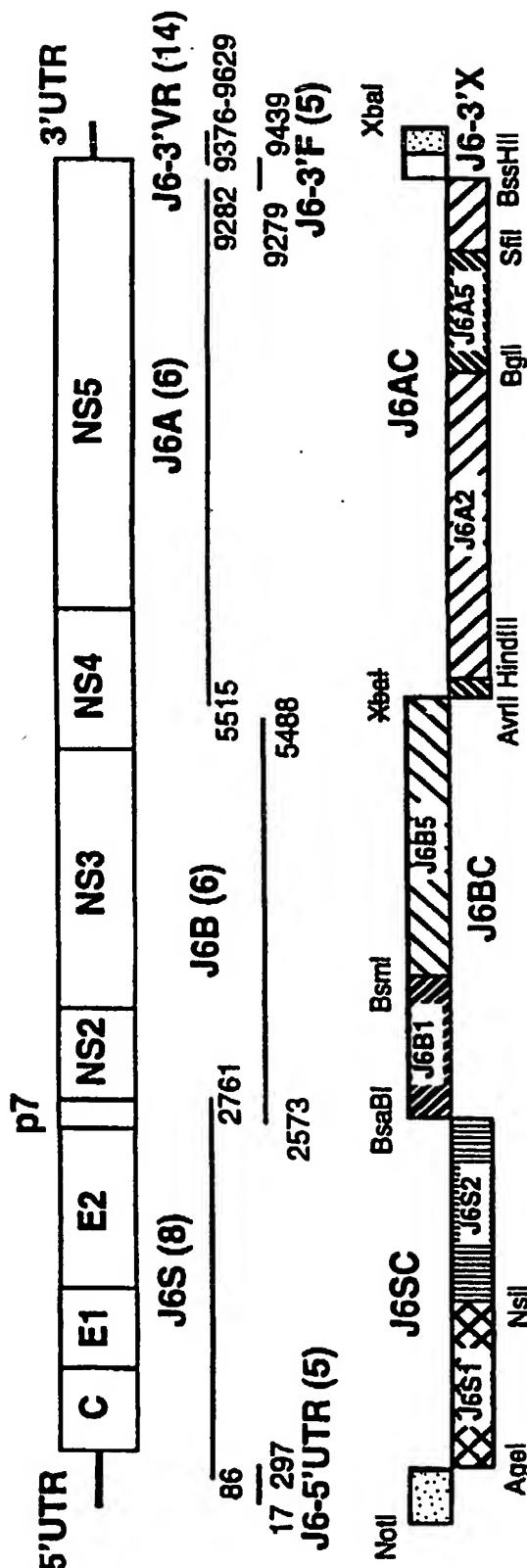


FIG.

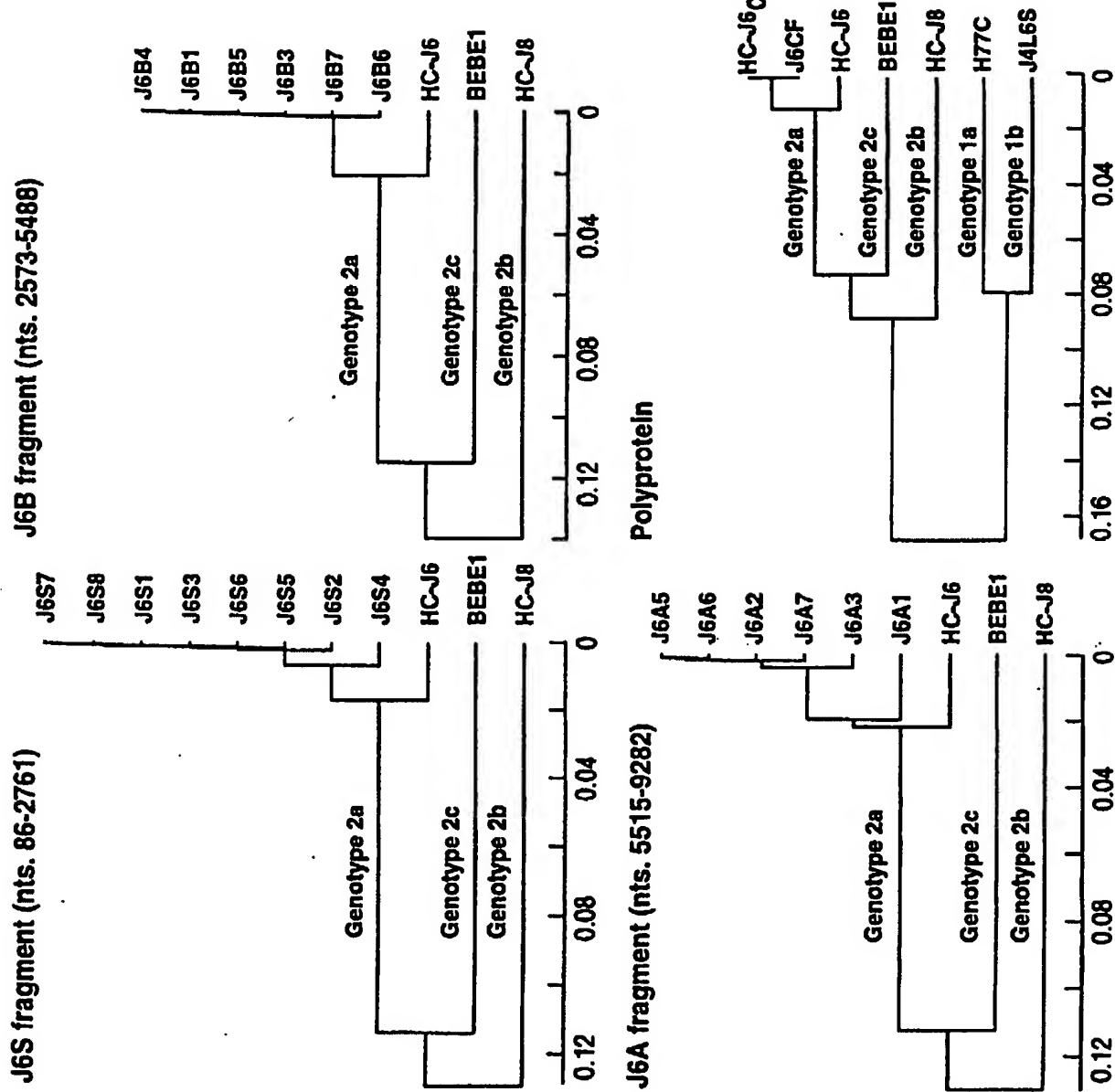


FIG. 2

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HC-J6<sub>CH</sub> LLLAAGVDA RTHTVGGSAAQTTGRLTSIFDMGPRQK IQLVNTNGS

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J6S2 .....  
J6S3 .....  
J6S5 .....  
J6S6 .....  
J6S7 .....  
J6S8 .....  
J6S4 ..... Q ..... I .....

HC-J6 ..... Q ..... T.HNART..GM.SL.A... .I.....

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HVR1

FIG. 3

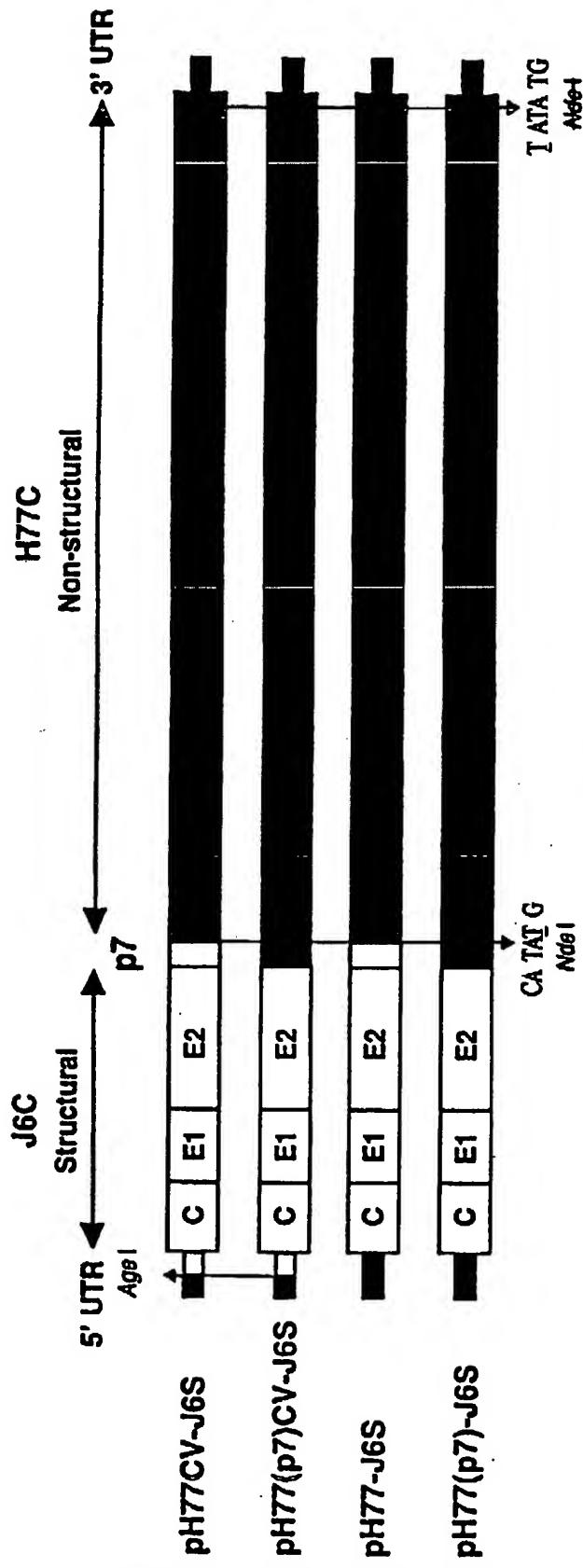


FIG. 4

## 5' Untranslated Region

FIG. 5A

## 3' Untranslated Region

FIG. 5B

<p>9375 H77C TAAAGCTTCC GCTAAACACT CGGGCTCTT AACCCATTG CTG (Polyurimidine tract) 81</p> <p>H77CV-J6S .... (Polyurimidine tract) 81</p> <p>H77 (p7) CV-J6S .... (Polyurimidine tract) 81</p> <p>H77-J6S .... (Polyurimidine tract) 81</p> <p>H77 (p7) -J6S .... (Polyurimidine tract) 81</p> <p>J6CF .AG .CGGCA CAC.TTAG. A.ACT.CA.A GCTAAC.G. .C- (Polyurimidine tract) 132</p>	<p>9518 ATCTGGCT CCATCTTACG</p> <p>9375 H77C TAAAGCTTCC GCTAAACACT CGGGCTCTT AACCCATTG CTG (Polyurimidine tract) 81</p> <p>H77CV-J6S .... (Polyurimidine tract) 81</p> <p>H77 (p7) CV-J6S .... (Polyurimidine tract) 81</p> <p>H77-J6S .... (Polyurimidine tract) 81</p> <p>H77 (p7) -J6S .... (Polyurimidine tract) 81</p> <p>J6CF .AG .CGGCA CAC.TTAG. A.ACT.CA.A GCTAAC.G. .C- (Polyurimidine tract) 132</p>
<p>9519 CCTAGTCACG GCTAGCTG AAAGTCCGT GAGCCGCTG ACTGCAAGA GTGCTGATAC TGGCTCTCT GCAGATCATG T</p> <p>H77CV-J6S ....</p> <p>H77 (p7) CV-J6S ....</p> <p>H77-J6S ....</p> <p>H77 (p7) -J6S ....</p> <p>J6CF .... C.TA.. T....</p>	<p>9599</p> <p>H77CV-J6S ....</p> <p>H77 (p7) CV-J6S ....</p> <p>H77-J6S ....</p> <p>H77 (p7) -J6S ....</p> <p>J6CF .... C.TA.. T....</p>
<p><b>E2/p7/NS2 Region</b></p> <p><b>E2/p7</b></p> <p><b>p7</b></p> <p><b>825</b></p>	
<p><b>H77C</b></p> <p><b>H77CV-J6S</b></p> <p><b>H77 (p7) CV-J6S</b></p> <p><b>H77-J6S</b></p> <p><b>H77 (p7) -J6S</b></p> <p><b>J6CF</b></p> <p><b>730</b></p> <p><b>RVCSCLLWPLLISQAEA ALENLVILNAASLAGTHGLYSELVFFCFAWILKGRWVPGAVAYALYGMWPLLLILALPQRAYA LDTEVAASCGGVVLLVG</b></p> <p><b>...A....LI.LG....K....A....H....A....SCN.FLY.VI.VA...I....V....L.T.S.T.L.SFS....Q....</b></p> <p><b>...A....LI.LG....A....LI.LG....A....LI.LG....K....H....A....SCN.FLY.VI.VA...I....V....L.T.S.T.L.SFS....Q....</b></p> <p><b>...A....LI.LG....A....LI.LG....A....LI.LG....K....H....A....SCN.FLY.VI.VA...I....V....L.T.S.T.L.SFS....Q....</b></p> <p><b>...A....LI.LG....A....LI.LG....A....LI.LG....A....LI.LG....A....LI.LG....A....LI.LG....Y.AS.RGQI.AAL..N</b></p>	

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FIG. 6A  
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FIG. 6B

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FIG. 6C

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FIG. 6D

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10	20	30	40	50	
1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	
CTCAATGCT TATTCCTGGA CAGGCGCACT CGTCACCGCG TGCGCTGCGG					7650
AAGAACAAAA ACTGCCCCATC AAOCCACTGA GCAACTCGTT GCTAAGCCAT					7700
CACAATCTGG TGTATTCAC CACTTCACGC AGTGTCTGCC AAAGGGAGAA					7750
GAAAGTCACA TTTGACAGAC TGCAAGTTCT GGACAGCCAT TACCAAGGACG					7800
TGCTCAAGGA GGTCAAAGCA GGGCGTCAA AAGTGAAGGC TAACCTGCTA					7850
TCGGTAGAGG AAGCTTGAGG CCTGAGCGGC CCACATTCAG CCAAATCCAA					7900
GTTTGGCTAT GGGGCAAAG ACGTCCGTTG CCATOCAGA AAGGCGGTAG					7950
CCCACATCAA CTGGGTGTTG AAAGACCTTC TGGAAAGACAG TGTAACACCA					8000
ATAGACACTA CCATCATGGC CAAGAACGAG GTTCTGCGG TTCAAGCTGA					8050
GAAGGGGGGT CGTAAGCCAG CTGGTCTCAT CGTGTTCGGGG GACCTGGCG					8100
TGCGCGTGTG CGAGAAGATG GGGCTGTACG ACGTGGTTAG CAAGCTCCCC					8150
CTGGCGTGA TGGGAAGCTC CTACGGATTC CAATACTCAC CAGGACAGCG					8200
GGTGTGAAATTCTGCTGCAAG CGTGGAAAGTC CAAGAAGACC CGATGGGGT					8250
TCTCGTATGA TACCCGCTGT TTGACTCCA CAGTCACTGA GAGGACATC					8300
CGTACGGAGG AGGCAATTAA CCAATGTTGT GACCTGGACC CCCAAGCGCG					8350
CGTGGCCATC AAGTCCCTCA CTGAGAGGCT TTATGTTGGG GGGCCCTCTA					8400
CCAATTCAAG GGGGGAAAAC TGGGGCTAACC GGAGGTGGCG CGCGAGCGGC					8450
GTACTGACAA CTAGCTGTTG TAACACCTTC ACTTGCTACA TCAAGCGCG					8500
GGCAGCCCTGT CGAGCGCGAG GGCTCCAGGA CTGGCACCATG CTGGTGTGTG					8550
GGGACGACTT AGTGTGTTATC TGTGAAAGTG CGGGGGTCCA GGAGGACCG					8600
GGGAGCTGA GAGCCTCAC GGAGGCTATG ACCAGGTACT CGGCCCCCCC					8650
GGGGGACCCC CCACAAACCG AATACGACTT GGAGCTTATA ACATCATGCT					8700
CCTCCAAAGT GTCAAGTCCGC CACGACGGCG CTGGAAAGAG GGTCTACTAC					8750
CTTACCCGTG ACCCTACAAAC CCCCTCGCG AGAGCGCGT GGGAGACAGC					8800
AAGACACACT CCAGTCATT CCTGGCTAGG CAACATAATC ATGTTTGCCC					8850
CCACACTGTG GGGGAGGATG ATACTGATGA CCATTTCTT TAGGTGCTC					8900
ATAGCCAGGG ATCAGCTTGA ACAGGCTCTT AACTGIGAGA TCTACGGAGC					8950
CTGCTACTCC ATAGAACCCAC TGGATCTACC TCCAATCATT CAAAGACTCC					9000
ATGGCCCTCAG CCATTTCA CTCCACAGTT ACTCTCCAGG TGAAATCAAT					9050
AGGGTGGCGG CATGCTCTAG AAAACTGGG GTCCCGCGCT TGCGAGCTTG					9100
GAGACACCGG GGGGGAGCGG TCCGGCTAG GCTTCGTGCC AGAGGAGGCA					9150
GGGCTGCCAT ATGTGGCAAG TACCTCTTCA ACTGGGCAGT AAGAACAAAG					9200
CTCAAACCTCA CTCCAATAGC GGGCGCTGGC CGGCTGGACT TGTCGGTTG					9250
GTTCACGGCT GGCTACAGCG GGGGAGACAT TTATCACAGC GTGCTCTATG					9300
CCCGGGCCCCG CTGGTTCTGG TTTGCGCTAC TCCCTGCTGC TGCAGGGTA					9350
GGCACTTACCC TCCCTCCCCAA CGGATGAAGG TTGGGGTAAA CACTCGGCC					9400
TCTTAAGCCA TTTCCTGTT TTTTTTTTTT TTTTTTTTTT TTTTCTTTT					9450
TTTTTTCTT TCCCTCCCTT CTTTTTTTCC TTTCTTTTIC CCTTCTTAA					9500

FIG. 6E

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10	20	30	40	50	
1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	
TEGGGGCTCC	ATCTTAGCCC	TAGTCACGGC	TAGCTGTGAA	AGGTCGGGGA	9550
GGGGCATGAC	TGCAGAGAGT	GCTGATACTG	GCCTCTCTGC	AGATCATGTT	9599

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## FIG. 6F

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10	20	30	40	50	
1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	
MSINPKPQRK	TKRNINRRPQ	DVKFPGGQI	VGGVYLLPRR	GPRLGVRATR	50
KTSERSQPRG	RRQPIPCKARR	PEGRIWAQPG	YFWPLYGNNEG	CGWAGWILLSP	100
RGSRPSWGPT	DPRRRSRNLG	KVIDILTOGF	ADLMGYIPLV	GAPLGGAARA	150
LAHGVRLIED	GVNYATGNLP	GCSFSIFLLA	LLSCLITVPAS	AYQVRNSSL	200
YHVINDCPNS	SIVYEAADAI	IHTPGCVPCV	REGNASROWV	AVTPTVATRD	250
GKLPTTQLRR	HIDLLVGSAT	LC5ALYVGDL	CGSVFLVQQL	FTFSPRRHWT	300
TQDNCNCSTYP	GHITGHRMAW	IMMNWSPTA	ALVVAQLLRI	PQAIMMDIAG	350
AHGVLAGIA	YFSMVGNWAK	VLVLLLFAG	VDAEIHVIGG	NAGRTIAGLV	400
GLLTPGAKQN	IQLININGSW	HINSTALNON	ESLNIGLAG	LFYQHKNSS	450
QCPERLASCR	RLTDFAQWNG	PISYANGSGL	DERPYCWHYP	PRPOGIVPAK	500
SVCGPVYCFT	PSFWVVGTTD	RSGAPTYSWG	ANDIDVFLN	NTRPPLQWDF	550
GCTWMNSTGF	TKVCGAPPCV	IGGVGNNTLL	CPIDCFRKHP	EATYSRCGSG	600
PWITPRCMD	YPYRLWHPYC	TINYTIFKVR	MYVGGVEHRL	EAACNWIRGE	650
RCDLEDRDRS	ELSPLLLSTT	QWQVLPCSFT	TLPALSTGLI	HLHQNIVDVO	700
YLYGVGSSIA	SWAIKWEYVV	LLFLLLADAR	VCSCLIAMMLL	ISQAEAALEN	750
LVLNAASLA	GTIIGLVSFLW	FFCFAWYLKG	RWPGAVYAL	YGMWPLLLL	800
LALPQRAYAL	DTEVAASCQG	WLVGLMALT	LSPYYKRYIS	WCMWNLQYFL	850
TRVEAQLHW	VPPFLNVRGGR	DAVILLMCW	HPTLVDITK	LLLAIFGPLW	900
IIQASLLKVP	YFVRVQGLLR	ICALARKIAG	GHYQMAIIK	LGALTGTIVY	950
NHLTPLRWA	HNGLRLAVAL	VEPVVFSRME	TKLITWGADT	AACGDIINGL	1000
PVSARRQOEI	LLGPADGMVS	KGWRLLAPIT	AYAQQTTRGLL	GCIITSLITGR	1050
DKNQVEGEVQ	IVSTATQTFL	ATCINGVCWT	VYHGAGIRTTI	ASPKGPVIQM	1100
YTIVDQDLVG	WPAPQGSRSL	TPCTCGSSDL	YLVIRHADVI	PVRRRGDSRG	1150
SILLSPRPISY	LKGSSGGPLL	CPAGHAVGLF	RAAVCTRGVA	KAVDFIPEVN	1200
LGTIMRSPVF	TDNSSPPAWP	QSFQVAHLHA	PTGSGKSTKV	PAAYAAQGYK	1250
VILVLPNSVAA	TLGFGAYMSK	AHGVDPNIRT	GVRTTTGSP	ITYSTYKFL	1300
ADGGCGGAY	DIIICDECHS	TDATSIIGIG	TVLDQAETAG	ARLWVLATAT	1350
PPGSVTVSHP	NIEEVALSTT	GEIPFYGKAI	PLEVIKGGRH	LIFCHSKKKC	1400
DELAAKLVAL	GINAVAYYRG	LDVSVIPTSG	DWVVSIDAL	MTGFTGDFDS	1450
VIDCNICVIQ	TVDFSLDPTF	TIEITTLPOD	AVSRTQRRGR	TGRGKPGIYR	1500
FVAPGERPSG	MFDSSVLCEC	YDAGCAWYEL	TPAETTVRLR	AYMNTPGLPV	1550
CQDHLEFWEG	VFTGLTHIDA	HFLSQTKQSG	ENFPYLVAYQ	ATVCARAQAP	1600
PPSWDQMAKC	LIRLKPTLHG	PTPLLYRLGA	VQNEVTLIHP	ITKYIMCMS	1650
ADLEVVTSIW	VLVCGVLAAL	AAVCLSTGCV	VIVGRIVLSG	KPAIIPDREV	1700
LYQEFDEMEE	CSQHLPYIED	GMMLAEQFKQ	KALGLLQTA	RHAEVITPAV	1750
QTNWQKLEV	WAKHMANFTS	GIQYLAGLST	LPGNPAIASL	MAFTAATISP	1800
LTTGQTLIFN	ILGGWVAAQL	AAPGAATAFV	GAGLAGAAIG	SVGLGKVLD	1850
ILAGYGAGVA	GALVAFKIMS	GEVPSTEDLV	NLLPAILSPG	ALVVGWVCAA	1900

FIG. 6G

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10	20	30	40	50	
1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	
ILRRHVGPGGE GAVQWMNRLI AFASRGNHVS PIHVVPESDA AARVTAI	LSS	1950			
LTVTQLLRL HQWISSECIT PCSGSWLRI WDWICEVLS	D FKIWLIKAKLM	2000			
PQLPGIPFVS CQRGYRGWR GDGIMHRCG CQAEITIGHVK NGIMRIVGPR	2050				
TCRNMWSGIF PINAYTIGPC TPLPAPNYKF ALWRVSAEY V	VEIRRVGDFH	2100			
YVSGMTIDNL KCPHQIPSPE FFTELDGVR	L RREEVSFRVG	2150			
LHEYPVGSQ	L PCEPEPDVAV LTSMLIDPSH ITAEAA	GRRL ARGSPPSMAS	2200		
SSASQLSAPS LKATCTANHD SPDAELIEAN LLWQEMCGN	IIRVESENKV	2250			
VILDSDFDPLV AEEDEREVSV PAEILRKSRR FARALPVWAR	PDYNPPLVET	2300			
WKKPDYEEPPV VHGCPLPPPR SPPVPPPRKK RIVVLTESTIL	STALAAELATK	2350			
SFGSSSTSGI TGDNITTSSE PAPSGCPPDS DVESYSSMPP	LEGEPGDPDL	2400			
SDGSWSTIVSS GADTEDWCC SMSYSWIGAL V	TPCAAEQK LPINALNSL	2450			
LRHHNLVYST TSRSACQROQK KVIFDRLQVL DSHYQDVLKE	VKAASKVKA	2500			
NLLSVEEACS LTPPHSAKSK FGYGAKDVR HARKAVAHIN	SVWKDILLE	2550			
VTPIDTTIMA KNEVFCVQPE KGGRKPARLI VFPDLGVRVC	EKMALYDVVS	2600			
KLPLAVMGSS YGFQYSPGQR VEFLVQAWKS KKTPMGFSYD	TRCFDSTIVTE	2650			
SDIRTEEAQY QCCDLDPQAR VAIKSLITERL YVGGPLINSR	GENCGYRRCR	2700			
ASGVLTTSOG NLTCTYIKAR AACRAAGLQD C1MLVCGDL	WVICESAGVQ	2750			
EDAASLRAFT EAMTRYSAPP GDPPQPEYDL ELITSCSSNV	SVAHDGAGKR	2800			
VYYLTRDPTT PLARAAWETA RHTPVNSWLG NIIMFAPTLW	ARMILMIHFF	2850			
SVLIARDQLE QALNCEIYGA CYSIEPLDLP PIIQRLHGLS	AFSLHSYSPG	2900			
EINRVAACLR KLGVPPLRAW RHRARSVRAR LLSRGGRAAI	CGKYLEFNWAV	2950			
RIKLIKLTPIA AAGRLLLSGW FTAGYSGGDI YHSVSHARPR	WFWFCILLIA	3000			
AGVGIYLLN R		3011			

FIG. 6H

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10	20	30	40	50
<u>1234567890</u>	<u>1234567890</u>	<u>1234567890</u>	<u>1234567890</u>	<u>1234567890</u>
GGAGGCCCCC	TGATGGGGC	GACACTTAC	CATGAATCAC	TCCCCCTGTGA
GGAACCTACTG	TCTTCACCA	GAAAGGGTCT	AGOCATGGCG	TTAGTATGAG
TGTGTCAG	CCTCCAGGAC	CCCCCTTCCC	GGGAGAGGCA	TAGTGGCTG
CGGAACGGT	GAGTACACCG	GAATTGCCAG	GAOGAOGGG	TCTTTCTTG
GATCAACCCG	CTCAATGCC	GGAGATTTGG	GGGTGCCCCC	GGAGAGCTGC
TAGCCGAGTA	GTGTTGGTC	GGGAAAGGCC	TTGTGGTACT	GGCTGATAGG
GTGCTTGGGA	GTGCCCCCGGG	AGGTCTCGTA	GACCGTGCAC	CATGAGCAOG
AATCTAAAC	CTCAAAGAAA	AACCAAACGT	AACACCAACC	GGGGCCCCAA
GGACGTCAAG	TTCCCCGGGCG	GTGGTCAGAT	CGTTGGTGGGA	GTTTACCTGT
TGCCCCGCGAG	GGGCCCCCAGG	TTGGGTGTGC	GOGOGACTAG	GAAGGCTTOC
GACCGGTGCG	AAACCTGTCG	AAGGGCAGAA	CTTATCCAA	AGGCTGGCG
ACCCCGAGGGC	AGGGGCTGGG	CTCAGCCCCG	GTACCCCTGG	CCCCCTCTATG
GCAATGAGGG	CTTGGGGTGG	GCAGGAATGGC	TOCTGTCAAC	GGGGGGCTOC
CGGGCTAGTT	GGGGCCCCAC	GGACCCCCCGG	CGTAGGGTGC	GTAACTTGGG
TAAGGTCAITC	GATACCCCTTA	CATGGGGCTT	CGCCGATCTC	ATGGGGTACA
TTCCGCTCGT	CGGCGGCCCCC	CTAGGGGGAG	CTGCCAGGGC	CTTGGCACAC
GTTGTCGGGG	TTCTGGAGGA	CGGGCTGAAC	TATCCAACAG	GGAACTTGGC
CGGTGCTCT	TTCCTCTATCT	TOCTCTTGGC	TCTGCTGTCC	TGTTTGGACCA
TOCCAGCTTC	CGCTTATGAA	GTGGCCAACG	TGTCCCCGAT	ATACCAATGTC
ACGAAACGACT	GCTCCAACTC	AAGCATTGTG	TATGAGGGAG	GGGAOGTGT
CATGCATACT	CCCCGGTGCG	TGCCCCCTGT	TCAGGAGGGT	AACAGCTCC
GTGCTGGGT	AGGGCTCACT	CCACAGCTCG	GGGCCAGGAA	TGOCAGGGTC
CCCACTACGA	CAATAACGAOG	CCACGTCGAC	TTGCTCGTTG	GGACGGCTGC
TTTCTGCTCC	GCTATGTACG	TGGGGGATCT	CTGGGGATCT	ATTTTCTCG
TCTCCCAGCT	GTTCACCTTC	TOGCCCTCGCC	GGCATGAGAC	AGTGCAGGGAC
TGCAACTGCT	CAATCTATCC	CGGCCATGTA	TCAGGTCAACC	GCATGGCTTG
GGATATGATG	ATGAACCTGGT	CAOCTACAAAC	AGCCCTAGTG	GTGTCGGAGT
TGCTCOGGAT	CCCACAAGCT	GTGGTGGACA	TGGTGGGGGG	GGGCCACTGG
GGAGTCTCTGG	GGGGGCTTGC	CTACTATCC	ATGGTAGGGG	ACTGGGCTAA
GGTTCTGATT	GTGGGGCTAC	TCTTTCGGG	CGTTGACGGG	GAGAOCACAA
CGACGGGGAG	GGTGGGCGGC	CACACCACCT	CGGGGTTCAC	GTCCCCTTTC
TCATCTGGGG	CGTCTCAGAA	AATCCAGCTT	GTGAATAACCA	ACGGCAGCTG
GCACATCAAC	AGGACTGCCC	TAAATTGCAA	TGACTCTCTC	CAAACCTGGT
TCTTTCGGCG	GCTGTTTAC	GCACACAAGT	TCAACTOGTC	CGGGTGGCG
GAGCCGATGG	CCAGCTGGCG	CCOCATTGAC	TGGTTGCGCC	AGGGGTGGGG
CCCCATCAAC	TATACAAAGC	CTAACACGCTC	GGATCAGAGG	CCTTATGCT
GGCATTAAOGC	GCCTCGACCG	TGTGGTGTG	TACCCGOGTC	GCAGGTGTGT
GGTCCAGTGT	ATTTGTTACAC	CCCAAGCCCT	GTGTTGGTGG	GGACCACCGA

**FIG. 7A**  
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10	20	30	40	50	
1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	
TCGTTCCGGT	GTCCTTACGT	ATAGCTGGGG	GGAGAAATGAG	ACAGAAGTGA	1950
TGCTCTCTAA	CAACACGGT	CCGCCCCACAAG	GCAACTGGTT	CGGCTGTACA	2000
TGGATGAATA	GTACTGGGTT	CACTAAGAOG	TGCGGAGGGTC	CGGGCTGTAA	2050
CATCGGGGGG	GTCGGTAACC	GCACCTTGTAT	CTGCCCCAOG	GACTGCTTOC	2100
CGAAGCAOCC	CGAGGCTACT	TACACAAAAT	GTGGCTGGGG	GGCGCTGGTG	2150
ACACCTAGGT	GCCTAGTACA	CTAACCCATAC	AGGCTTTGGC	ACTACOOCIG	2200
CACTCTCAAT	TTTTCCAACT	TIAAGGTTAG	GATGTATGIG	GGGGGGGGGG	2250
AGCACAGGCT	CAATGCGCA	TGCAATTGGA	CTGGAGGAGA	GGCGCTGTAA	2300
TTGGAGGACA	GGGATAGGTC	AGAACCTCAGC	CGCGCTGTGC	TGCTCTACAAC	2350
AGAGTGGCAG	ATACTGCGCT	GTGCTTTCAC	CAACCTAOGG	GCTTTATCCA	2400
CTGGTTTGTAT	CCATCTCCAT	CAGAACATCG	TGGAGGTGCA	ATACCTGTCAC	2450
GGTGTAGGGT	CAGCGTTTGT	CTCTCTTGCA	ATCAAATGGG	AGTACATCCT	2500
GTGCTTTTC	CTTCTCTTGG	CAGACGGCGG	CGTGTGTGCC	TGCTTGTGGA	2550
TGATGCTGCT	GATAGCCCAG	GCTGAGGGCG	CGTTAGAGAA	CTGGTGGGTC	2600
CTCAATGAGG	CGTCCGGTGGC	CGGAGCGCAT	GGTATTCTCT	CTTTCTTGT	2650
GTTCCTCTGC	GGGGCTGGT	ACATTAAGGG	CAGGCTGGCT	CGTGGGGGG	2700
CGTATGCTTT	TTATGGGTA	TGCGCGCTGC	TCCTGCTOCT	ACTGGGGTTA	2750
CCACCAACGAG	CTTACGCCCT	GGACCGGGAG	ATGGCTGCAT	CGTGGGGGGG	2800
TGCGGTCCTT	GTAGGTCTGG	TATTCTTGAC	CTTGTCACCA	TACTACAAAG	2850
TGTTTCTCAC	TAGGCTCATA	TGGTGGTTAC	AATACTTTAT	CACCAAGAGC	2900
GAGGCGCACA	TGCAAGTGTG	GGTCCCCCCC	CTCAACGTTTC	GGGGAGGGCG	2950
CGATGCCATC	ATCTCTCTCA	CGTGTGGGGT	TCATOCAGAG	TTAATTTCAG	3000
ACATCACCAA	ACTCTGTC	GCATACATCG	GGCGCTCAT	GGTGTCTCCAG	3050
GCTGGCATAA	CGAGAGTGTG	GTACTTGTG	CGCGCTCAAG	GGCTCATTCG	3100
TGCAATGCAIG	TTAGTGGAA	AAAGTCGGGG	GGGTCAATTAT	GTGCAAAATGG	3150
TCTTCATGAA	GCTGGGGCG	CTGACAGGTA	CGTACGTTA	TAACCAATCTT	3200
ACCCCACITGC	GGGACTGGGC	CCACCGGGGC	CTACGAGAOC	TGCGGGTGGC	3250
GGTAGAGAGCC	GTGCTCTCT	CGGGCATGGA	GACCAAGGTC	ATCAACCTGGG	3300
GAGCAGACAC	CGCTGGGTGT	GGGGACATCA	TCTGGGTCCT	ACCGCTCTCC	3350
GGCGGAAGGG	GGAGGGAGAT	ATTTTGGGA	CGCGCTGATA	GTCTGAAGG	3400
CGAAAGGTGG	CGACTCTTIG	CGGGCATCAC	GGCGTACTCC	CAACAAACGC	3450
GGGGCGTACT	TGGTGGCATC	ATCAACTAGCC	TCACAGGGCG	GGACAAGAAC	3500
CAGGTGGAAG	GGGAGGGTCA	AGTGGTTCT	ACCGCAACAC	AATCTTCTT	3550
GGCGACCTGTC	ATCAACGGCG	TGTCCTGGAC	TGCTTACCAT	GGCGCTGGCT	3600
CGAAGACCCCT	AGCGGGTCCA	AAAGGTCCA	TCACCCAAAT	GTACACCAAT	3650
GTAGACCTGG	ACCTCGTGG	CTGGCAGGGG	CCCCCGGGG	CGCGCTCCAT	3700
GACACCATGTC	AGCTGTGGCA	GCTCGGGACT	TTACTTGGTC	ACGAGACATG	3750
CTGATGTCAT	TCGGTGGGC	CGGGGAGGGG	ACAGCAGGGG	AAGTCTACTC	3800

FIG. 7B

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10	20	30	40	50
1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890
TCGGGGCTGGC	CGGCTCTCTA	CCTGAAAGGC	TCTCTGGGTC	GTCCTATGCT
TTCGCGCTCG	GGGCACGGTC	TGGCGCTCTT	CGGGCTGCT	GTCGTCACCC
GGGGGGTGGC	GAAGGGGGTG	GACTTCATAC	CGGTTGAGTC	TATGGAAACT
ACCATGGGTC	CTCGGGCTCTT	CACAGACAAAC	TCAAOCCCCC	CGGCTGTACC
GCAGACATTC	CAAGTGGCAC	ATCTGCAOGC	TCTTACTGGC	AGCGGGCAAGA
GCACCAAAGT	CCCGGCTGGG	TATGCAGGCC	AAGGGTACAA	GGGCTCTGTC
CTGAACCCGT	CGGTTGGGGC	CACCTTGGG	TTTGGGGGT	ATATGTGCAA
GGCACACGGT	ATOGAACCTA	ACATCAGAAC	TGGGGTAAGG	ACCATTAA
CGGGCGGCTC	CAATTAGTCAC	TCCACCTATG	GCAAGTTCCT	TGGGACGGGT
GGCTGTTCTG	GGGGGCGCTA	TGACATCATA	ATATGTGATG	AGTGCACTC
AACTGACTCG	ACTAACATCT	TGGGCATGGG	CACAGTCTG	GACCAAGGGG
AGACGGCTGG	AGCGGGCTC	GTCTGCTCG	CCACCGCTAC	ACCTCGGGG
TCCGTTACCG	TGCCACACCC	CAATATCGAG	GAAATAGGOC	TGTCCAACAA
TGGAGAGATC	CCCTCTATG	GCAAAGOCAT	CCOCATGAG	GCCATCAAGG
GGGGGGAGGCA	TCTCATTTTC	TGCCATTCCA	AGAAGAAATG	TGACCGAGCTC
GGGGCAAAAGC	TGACAGGGCT	CGGACTGAAC	GCTGTAGCAT	ATTACCGGGG
CTTGTATGTC	TCGGTCATAC	CGCCTATCGG	AGACGGTGT	GTCTGGCAA
CAGACGCTCT	AATGACGGGT	TTCACCGGGG	ATTTTGTACTC	AGTGTATGAC
TGCAATACAT	GTGTCAACCA	GACAGTCAC	TTCAGCTTGG	ATCCCAACCTT
CACCAATTGAG	ACGACGACCG	TGCCCTAACAGA	CGGGGTGTG	CGCTCGCAAC
GGCGAGGTAG	AACTGGCAAG	GGTAGGAGTC	GCACTCTACAG	GTTTGTGACT
CCAGGAGAAC	GGGCGCTGGG	CATGTTCGAT	TCTTGGGTCC	TGTGTGAGTG
CTATGACCGG	GGCTGIGCTT	GGTATGAGCT	CACGCCCGCT	GAGACCTCGG
TTAGGTTCGG	GCCTTACCTA	AATACACCAG	GGTTGCGCGT	TGCGCAGGAC
CATCTGGAGT	TCTGGGAGAG	CGTCTTCACA	GGCTCAACCC	ACATAGATGC
CCACTTCTG	TCCCCAGACTA	AACAGGCAGG	AGACAACCTT	CCTTACCTGG
TGGCATATCA	AGCTACAGTG	TGCCCTAGGG	CTCAAGCTCC	ACCTCCATCG
TGGGACCAAA	TGTGGAAAGTG	TCTCATACCG	CTGAAACCTA	CACTGCACGG
GGCAACACCC	CTGCTGTTATA	GGCTAGGAGC	CGTCCAAAAT	GAGGTCACTC
TCACACACCC	CATAACTAAA	TACATCAITGC	CAITGCAITGC	GGCTGACCTG
GAGGTCTGCA	CTAGCCTCTG	GGTCTGGTA	GGGGAGTCC	TGGCAGCTTT
GGCGCGATAC	TGGCTGACCA	CAGGCAGTGT	GGTCATGIG	GGCAGGATCA
TCTTGTCCGG	GAAGCCAGCT	GTCTTTCGG	ACAGGGAACT	CTCTTACCAAG
GAGTTCTGATG	AGATGGAAGA	GTGTGCTCTA	CAACTTCTT	ACATCGAGCA
GGGAATGCAG	CTCGCGCGAGC	AATTCAAGCA	AAAGGGCTC	GGGTGTTGTC
AAACGGCACAC	CAAGCAAGCG	GAGGCTGCTG	CTCCCGTGGT	GGAGTCCAAG
TGGCGAGCCC	TTGAGACCTT	CTGGGCGAAG	CACATGTGGA	ATTTCATCAG
CGGAATACAG	TACCTAGCAG	GCTTATCCAC	TCTGCTGGA	AAACCCCGGA
				5700

FIG. 7C

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10	20	30	40	50	
1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	1234567890	
TAGCATCAIT	GATGGCATTT	ACAGCTTCTA	TCACITAGGCC	GCTCAOCAC	5750
CAAAACACGCC	TCCCTGTTAA	CATCTTGGGG	GGATGGGTGG	CTGOCACAAT	5800
CGCTCTCTCC	AGCGCTGGGT	CAGCTTGTGT	GGGAGGCGGC	ATCGCGGGAG	5850
CGGCTGTGG	CAGCATAGGC	CTTGGGAAGG	TCTCTGTTGA	CATCTTGGCG	5900
GGCTATGGGG	CAGGGGTAGC	CGGCGCACTC	GTGGCTTIA	AGGTCATGAG	5950
CGGAGAGGTG	CCCTCCACCG	AGGACCTGGT	CAACTTACTC	CTGOCATOC	6000
TCTCTCTGG	TGCGCTGGTC	GTGCGGGTGC	TGTCGCGAGC	AATACTGGGT	6050
CGGCAOGTGG	CGCGGGAGGA	GGGGCTGTG	CAGTGGATGA	ACCGGCTGAT	6100
AGCGTTGCGT	TCGCGGGGTA	ACCAOGTCIC	CCCTAOGCAC	TATGTCGCTG	6150
AGAGCGAOGC	TGCAAGCAOGT	GTCACTCAGA	TOCTCTCTAG	CCCTAOCATC	6200
ACTCAACTCG	TGAAGGGCT	CCACCACTGG	ATTAATGAGG	ACTGCTCTAC	6250
CCCATGCTOC	GGCTCGTGGC	TAAGGGATGT	TTGGGATTEG	ATATGCAOGG	6300
TGTTGACTGA	CTTCAAGACC	TGGCTCCAGT	CCAAACTCT	CGCGGGGTTA	6350
CGGGGAGTCC	CTTCTCTGTC	ATGCCAACGC	GGGTACAAAGG	GAGTCCTGGCG	6400
GGGGGACGGC	ATCATGCAA	CCACCTGCC	ATGCGGAGCA	CAGATCGCG	6450
GACATGTCAA	AAACCGGTTCC	ATGAGGATCG	TAGGCGCTAG	AACTGCGAGC	6500
AACACGTGGC	ACGGAAOGTT	CCCATCAAC	GCATACACCA	CGGGCACTTG	6550
CACACCCCTCC	CGGGCGGCCA	ACATATCCAG	GGCGCTATGG	CGGGTGGCTG	6600
CTGAGGAGTA	CGTGGAGGTT	ACCGCTGTGG	GGGATTTCGA	CTAOGTGACG	6650
GGCATGACCA	CTGACAAACGT	AAAGTGCACCA	TGCGCAGGTC	CGGGGGGGGA	6700
ATTCTTCACG	GAGGTGGATG	GAGTCGGGT	GCACAGGTAC	GCTCCGGCGT	6750
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FIG. 7D

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FIG. 7E

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FIG. 7G

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FIG. 7H

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&lt;212&gt; PRT

&lt;213&gt; Hepatitis C virus

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